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Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God.

THE receipts of the Board for the month ending October 18th, were about twelve hundred dollars more than for the same month last year. Let us take courage, and work with zeal and energy for the remaining weeks of the year.

AN English missionary was once heard to remark, "If there was more abiding in Christ, there would be less abiding in Britain." The same may be said of America.—*Ex.*

THE average wages of Japanese do not exceed ten cents a day, yet in the last year Japanese converts have given to mission work nearly \$27,000.

IT is said that for what it costs to fire one shot from one of our largest cannons, a missionary and his family can be supported over two years in Japan.—*Ex.*

A HINDU and a New Zealander met upon the deck of a missionary ship. They had both been converted from heathenism, and were brothers in Christ, but they could not speak to each other. They pointed to their Bibles, shook hands, and smiled in each other's faces, but that was not all. At last a happy thought occurred to the Hindu. With sudden joy he exclaimed, "Hallelujah!" The New Zealander, in delight, cried out, "Amen!"

IT is said that a native minister in the Madura Mission, in his morning service, includes in his petitions "the Empress of India and her Parliament, the American Board and its officers, the President of the United States and his Cabinet, and all the children of missionaries all over the world."

WITHIN the memory of thousands yet living, two Scotchmen—one a gardener and the other a spinner, Moffat and Livingstone—opened Africa to the gospel. To-day Africa has about 500 missionaries, and at least 250,000 converts of the Uganda.—*Ex.*

ONE of our exchanges gives the following account of a novel entertainment: “The Girls’ Mission Band gave a reception and banquet for the babies of the church, in June, which proved a charming success. We invited all under five years, and had pretty little invitation cards printed, which we sent out to over one hundred. We arranged the center of the vestry to represent a parlor, and there the little folks ‘received.’ We borrowed high chairs from the furniture dealers.

“Seventy-seven babies sat at the tables, and not one of them cried. We furnished bread and butter, milk,—hot and cold,—cookies, ginger snaps, fancy crackers, vanilla wafers, bananas, etc. Many people said they never saw a more beautiful sight. The audience paid ten cents admission. We invited all to become Light Bearers, and secured a great many names. We had the enrollment cards, the rolls, and the story of the Dawn of the Little Light Bearers for sale; also ice cream for those not entitled to seats at the banquet. I wish many other mission bands might have similar occasions.”

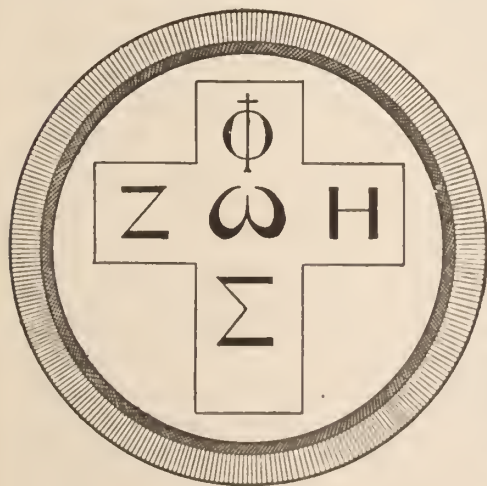
THE Emperor of China, on the first day of December, 1891, began the study of English. This, in connection with the facts that at the Chinese New Year of last year he arranged to give an imperial audience to the foreign ministers at his court, and that he issued an edict favorable to Christianity and missionaries, portends great changes and hopeful progress. It is said that this step is due to the influence of the empress dowager, who, after a wise and beneficent regency of twenty-five years, still gives much assistance to this young ruler of hundreds of millions.

Rev. Marcus L. Taft wrote to the Presbyterian Rooms, under date of December 15, 1891, as follows:—

THE young Emperor of China summoned two graduates from Dr. Martin’s imperial Thug-Wen College to teach him English. One of these former pupils of Dr. Martin has visited Europe six times, and the other has served as vice-consul in Japan. One, Chang Teil, is a Chinaman, while the other, Shen Te, is a Manchu. For some reason, satisfactory to the Chinese, they take turns in teaching the emperor, one coming one day and the other the next. Wishing to procure a suitable text-book for the emperor, they wrote to their former instructor, Dr. Martin, asking him for a finely illustrated primer adapted to his imperial majesty. Dr. Martin then wrote a note

stating the facts in the case to Dr. Pilchor, of our mission. Dr. Pilchor, knowing that we had brought out from America some attractive school-books for our little daughter Frances, called on Mrs. Taft, who gave him quite an elementary work, entitled *The Model First Reader*, handsomely illustrated with colored pictures. It has been reported that some rays of Divine truth have reached both the young Emperor and his bride. Let continued prayers be offered that to wisdom and knowledge may be given to him even the knowledge of God, "whom to know aright is life eternal."

THE degraded position of women in Turkey, the sorrow in the household when a girl is born, has often been mentioned, and it is pleasant to know that there is one advantage in being a girl. In an account of a tour recently received from Miss Ely, she writes: "A remark of a woman in the village of Toohk impressed me much. Showing me her baby boy, she said, 'Teacher, I did hope this child would have been a girl;' and added, pointing to a group of boys, who, most wretchedly clad, were trying to keep warm over the ground oven, 'For each of these we have to pay two medjedias (about two dollars) every year, but a girl is only worth four piastres (seventeen cents).' She referred to the fact that the government collects a tax of two medjedias for each male child, but for a girl simply requires a paper to identify it, which costs about four piastres."



THERE is nothing new under the sun! Prof. A. F. Long, of Robert College, Constantinople, an eminent archaeologist, has sent us the accompanying drawing of an ancient Greek monogram, which means Life and Light, the vertical letters spelling "light," the horizontal ones "life." The yearning for life and light has existed in all ages, and it is an inestimable privilege to have a share in sending these blessings to those who live in the death and darkness of heathenism. We do not know the use of the ancient

monogram, but we trust that the title of our magazine may furnish a watchword that shall inspire to greater effort than ever before to make its meaning a reality in many lands.

FLASH LIGHTS ON WILLIAM CAREY.

By the side of a weaver's loom in a modest house in the little village of Paulerspury, in England, in the last half of the eighteenth century, a baby boy was born, whose name to-day shares among thousands of people the honors showered on the great discoverer of our continent. The one revealed to the world a country which was to be the birthplace of a powerful nation; the other opened to the eyes and hearts of Christendom a hitherto neglected duty, the obedience to which is bringing nations from gross darkness into blessed light and peace.

A few glances into the page of history will give us scenes in the life of the missionary discoverer which show his character, his work, and his success.

Here is a little boy of twelve years studying Latin, fond of his books and of reading, but interested, as well, in the study of nature and in boyish pursuits and pleasures. A tree which other boys have given up trying to climb, tempts his ambition, and in essaying the ascent he gets a severe fall, which lames him badly for a time. Discouraged? Not at all. As soon as he is well again he once more tries the tree, and perseveres, until he stands high up among the leafy boughs.

A little later, and our young student is apprenticed to a cobbler. Somewhat of a descent, it seems to us, but the steady work helps to give stability to his character. He makes good shoes; so good, that his master keeps a pair of his manufacture on exhibition in his shop, as a specimen of fine workmanship. While still an apprentice his heart is touched by the love of God, and he gives himself to Christ's service, and ere long begins to preach. After awhile he is ordained, and becomes the pastor of a small church in Moulton; but the salary is insufficient for the needs of his little family, and we find him working diligently still at his bench.

But beside him, as he labors, lies a book of science or travel, or oftener a Greek Testament or a Hebrew Bible; for the young minister learns these languages with the occasional help of neighboring clergymen. He has made for himself a map of the world, by pasting pieces of paper together, and on the margin he has written notes concerning the peoples and their religions.

Thus dwelling on the Word of God, and studying the condition and needs of the nations of the earth, the demand and the supply have shown themselves to his waiting heart. He sees the sin-sick souls of untaught heathen suffering and dying in ignorance and degradation. He sees before him a tree, neglected or ignored of others, its boughs difficult of access, but he knows that its leaves are for the healing of nations. Are the nations to be left to perish? Shall the leaves be still ungathered? Will no one venture to climb?

He will at least make the attempt, and at a conference of ministers he proposes for discussion the question, "Have the churches of Christ done all they ought for the salvation of the heathen?"



HOUSE IN WHICH CAREY DIED.

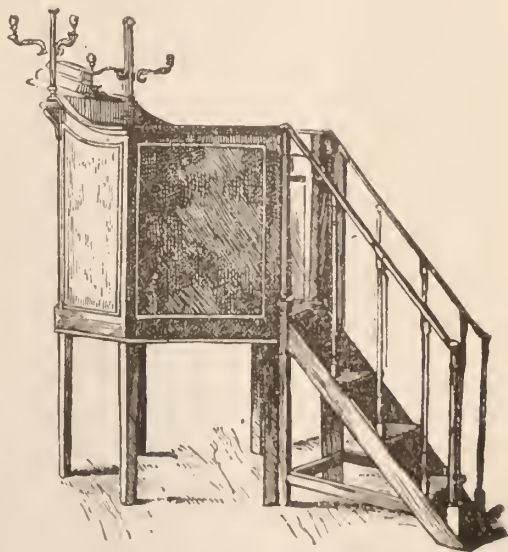
Yes, he ventured, and the conference is startled; but he got a fall, for an older clergyman reproves him sharply with: "Young man, sit down! When God wishes to convert the heathen world, he will do so without your aid or mine."

Lame and silenced for the time, no doubt he was; still the question burns in his heart, and a few years later, in May, 1792, he preaches a memorable sermon before an Association, from Isaiah liv. 2, 3, with the two leading thoughts,

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." The same divine who rebuked him before is melted and convinced. This discourse and the impression it made results, after a time, in the formation of a society for sending the gospel into heathen lands.

Three hundred years, plus one, lie between the voyage of Columbus to these New World shores and the voyage of this "Consecrated Cobbler" to the sunny shores of India. The one sought a land where rubies, diamonds, emeralds and pearls might reward his enterprise; the other sought in the land of the Hindu for richer jewels to place in his Saviour's crown. "I'll go down into the mine," he says to the friends who formed the new missionary society, "but you must hold the ropes."

An ignorant cobbler, he is sometimes called; but surely that epithet is hardly appropriate to one who had acquired both Greek and Hebrew without a teacher, had learned to read the Bible in seven different languages, and had studied it so thoroughly in his



CAREY'S PULPIT AT SERAMPORE.

native tongue as to be in advance of his time in his knowledge of a Christian's obligation to the heathen, and his faith and determination to fulfill that obligation to the best of his ability.



TOMB OF CAREY.

Thus venturing out into the unknown seas of missionary enterprise, our pioneer encountered many obstacles that might well have daunted a less devoted man. Such were the determined opposition of the powerful East India Company, driving him from Calcutta to Serampore; the small supply of funds from the home land, necessitating his laboring in indigo factories three months in the year; the misunderstandings with the home society; the difficulties of acquiring the language, where the very means for acquiring it had to be constructed; and last, but not least, the querulous complaints and upbraidings of his reluctant wife, and her final insanity. This thorn in the flesh was mercifully removed by death, and his second wife proved a helpful sympathizer in his abundant labors.

For seven years he and his associate, Dr. Thomas, toil, preach, and pray before their faith and patience are rewarded by the baptism of one convert.

After forty years of service in this chosen vineyard, what are the manifest results? The translation of the Bible, in whole or in part, into thirty-six dialects; the establishment of Serampore College, for the training of a native Christian ministry; the formation of "twenty-six churches within an area



SERAMPORE COLLEGE.

of about eight hundred miles, and above forty laboring brethren raised up on the spot amid them"; and the way made easy for all other missionaries of the cross to prosecute the glorious work so grandly begun.

And now the light that shines upon this faithful pioneer comes from above, from the radiance that is around the throne of God; and upward into that immortal light that no knows no fading nor shadow, rises the glad soul of William Carey.

In the cemetery at Serampore stands a monument bearing upon it, as directed in his will, the simple inscription:—

WILLIAM CAREY.

BORN, AUG. 17, 1761. DIED, JUNE 9, 1834.

"A wretched, poor, and helpless worm,
In Thy kind arms I fall;
Be Thou my strength and righteousness,
My Saviour and my all."

M. T. C.

WIDOW WALLIS'S BACK PARLOR.

In the early October days, as our sisters were gathering in their circles to commence their Centennial work, English Baptists across the ocean were also celebrating the beginning of modern missions, in the centenary of the English Baptist Missionary Society, of which William Carey was the founder. Four months ago, commencing May 30th, preliminary meetings, which awakened great enthusiasm, were held in the three places most closely connected with the beginning of the Society: Nottingham, where, May 31, 1792, Carey preached the inspired sermon which led to its formation; Leicester, where he was once pastor, and from which place he went to his life work in India; and Kettering, where the Society had its humble beginning in Widow Wallis' back parlor, Oct. 2, 1792.

A very simple statement this, and the only record we have of Widow Beeby Wallis. Yet somehow, as we read it, the dust of a hundred years is swept away, and she stands before us, the type of the thoughtful, prayerful, earnest women of that day. In imagination we follow her in her daily round of duty about her house, or tending the flowers in the pretty back garden so necessary to every English home. How she ponders in her heart things relating to the kingdom as she sows the tiny seed, waters the thirsty plants, ties up the straggling vine, or digs about the roots that are only cumbering the ground. It may be she is sometimes hampered by the prim box border which surrounds her garden, and she looks wistfully about for a

larger place and fresher soil. As the odorous lavender and the gay colors of lily and rose delight her senses, we fancy we hear her as she breaks forth in that hymn of Watts:—

“We are a garden walled around,
Chosen and made peculiar ground.

Awake, O heavenly wind, and come,
Blow on this garden of perfume.
Spirit divine, descend and breathe
A gracious gale on plants beneath.”



HOUSE OF WIDOW WALLIS IN KETTERING.

Widow Wallis was without doubt, a well-to-do woman. Her late husband, we must believe, was a “pillar in the church” at Kettering, and their house was the home of Northamptonshire ministers as they traveled back and forth among the churches.

She knew of Carey’s baptism by Ryland in the Nen in 1770, and of his struggles with poverty at Hackleton, where he cobbled shoes and pegged away at seven languages, besides preaching, until he was ordained in Moul-

ton, in 1787. She had often heard him spoken of as an idle dreamer, a "miserable enthusiast," and one whose heart was burning for the conversion of the heathen. She must have welcomed the call for a monthly concert of prayer, and during those eight years, from 1784 to 1792, when the churches were praying "for the spread of the gospel to the most distant parts of the habitable globe," can we doubt that often, when her hands were busiest, her heart sent up the petition, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Andrew Fuller has returned from the ministers' meeting at Nottingham, where Carey preached his memorable sermon from Isa. liv. 2, 3, "Enlarge the place of thy tent." etc. In the speaker and message of that hour God was answering the prayers of his people, but they knew it not. The imploring cry of Carey, "And after all, are you going again to do nothing?" must still be ringing in Fuller's ear as he tells his people of the sermon, and of the resolution to adopt a plan of a missionary society at their next meeting at Kettering, October 2d.

The time arrives. The public services of the day are over, and, as if it were the most natural thing to do, Fuller announces that in the evening the ministers will meet for forming a missionary society in Widow Wallis' back parlor. Her Christian hospitality has linked her name forever with the missionary enterprise. She could not pray or speak in public, or form a missionary circle, but her loving heart rejoiced in the new society for giving the gospel to the heathen, and her home was its birthplace. Standing at the source of the stream which was to flow out in blessing to every land, is she not at once a sign and a prophecy, which in our day have come to their fulfillment, of the helpful ministry of woman in the evangelization of the world?—*M. B. M. in "The Helping Hand."*

INDIA.

CONTRASTS.

BY DR. PAULINE ROOT.

CAN you see it—the tiny mud hut, the ragged thatched roof, the narrow low doorway, and beyond it, darkness? Can you see the soft mire and filth about this hut, and the gaunt, ugly, black pigs and starved pariah dogs rooting about in it? Can you picture the dirty, unkempt babies, with their nakedness clothed only in the same filth that coats the dogs and pigs? Can you see the larger boy of eight or ten, with perhaps not even a rag about his body, and already in his mind all that is vile and coarse? Can you see

here the little pile of stones, the only fireplace, and over it the brass or earthen pot with the evening meal smoking in it? and can you now see the husband and father sitting by himself or with his little son, and waited upon by his tired, sad, and degraded wife?

I can see it all just as plainly now as I can see the faces of those dear to me. For to houses like these have I gone when the broken-spirited mother has needed me to help into the world one who seemed to me as to her—poor thing!—to be little needed. I have seen (for the poor woman could not be secluded) her rise and go about her daily cares, and have known cruel blows to fall because she faltered.

This is but a feeble picture of what I see as I look off into an outcast home among those who might be called heathen in Southern India. And heathen they are—if knowing no true God, and bowing before stone images for help “in times of hopeless trouble,” make them heathen. The question to me is, How far would you rise if this was *your* lot?

But another picture—I can see it; can you? Another mud house, a little larger—say twelve feet square, and out of that a tiny room; the roof thatched—yes, but higher. The doorway you can see is so high that one need not go in bent double—and there is a door! See the windows, too,—not plate glass, and large,—no; but though tiny and wooden-shuttered, they do let in light and fresh air. Come inside—the light comes with you. The happy-faced, smiling housewife will meet you, and clean, bright-faced babies in gay calico jackets will come up to nestle against your knee as you sit down in perhaps the only chair the house affords. I can see that the walls are whitened, and that there are bright pictures; Bible pictures, photographs of missionary, or of native Christian friends, the Christian Calendar, and text cards are pinned upon the walls. There will be, also, a little writing table, with pencil, papers, pens and ink, and perhaps a cheap kerosene lamp instead of the open, smoking native lamps. Look again and you will notice a cheap hanging bookshelf, and on it good books in English and Tamil—and a cheap American nickel-plated clock or a Waterbury watch. You see the dear home mother ill, and you see her lovingly, though not demonstratively, cared for by her husband, and while she is ill he does not think it beneath him to cook, and to keep his children clean and neat. The tiny new baby is not in this “outcast” home laid by itself to die or live, as it happens, on the foul mud floor, and with no covering for its poor, shivering little body. No; this baby is snuggled and warmed, and is given a little calico jacket (think of your new baby in a calico jacket!), and is put in a tiny patchwork quilt (our girls at home help them there); and when the tired mother is all nice and ready to rest, she gathers to her the wee baby—

glad, even though it is a girl, quite contented if a "man child is born into the world."



HIGH-CASTE GIRLS IN INDIA.

Once more we look on the other picture, and we see the poor outcast or low-caste woman, with the grains crushed and made into food. She goes out with her baby into the fields or to the builder, and the little baby is swung in its cloth hammock, and the mother works all day long carrying bricks or

pounding mortar. Weary at night, having earned five cents by the hard day's labor, she goes home, and in all probability is beaten by her "master" as she prepares his evening meal. And now see our Christian girl of the same social status. She too must work, and sometimes in the field, but she goes about her work with songs on her lips. She makes her house neat, and she finds time to read and pray with her children. If she has but her own housework to do, she gets her little children and those from heathen homes together and she teaches them to read, and sing, and sew. And always she tells them something of Jesus. When the mealtime comes we see a home, the mother and children eating with the master,—still the master, but also a dearly loved father and husband. I look back to-night, and a strange picture is very plain to me,—a loved father going with me on a three weeks' tour, bidding good-bye to his family. He did not (before me) kiss his wife, but tenderly as any American father he kissed each one of his grown children as we said good-bye. You could see, you could not help seeing, in Southern India to-day hundreds of such homes as these we have just looked into; and to the glory of God be it said, that the Christian homes of this sort are now so many that there is probably not a place of any size where one such home does not exist, a testimony known and read of all men. And what is true of this class is equally true of our middle, good-caste people. These people still are clannish; they marry not into the class below them, nor do they eat with those of other ranks. But they are growing Christians, and taking the bread and wine together they are coming to be more like Jesus,—more catholic in their love through him for his little ones.

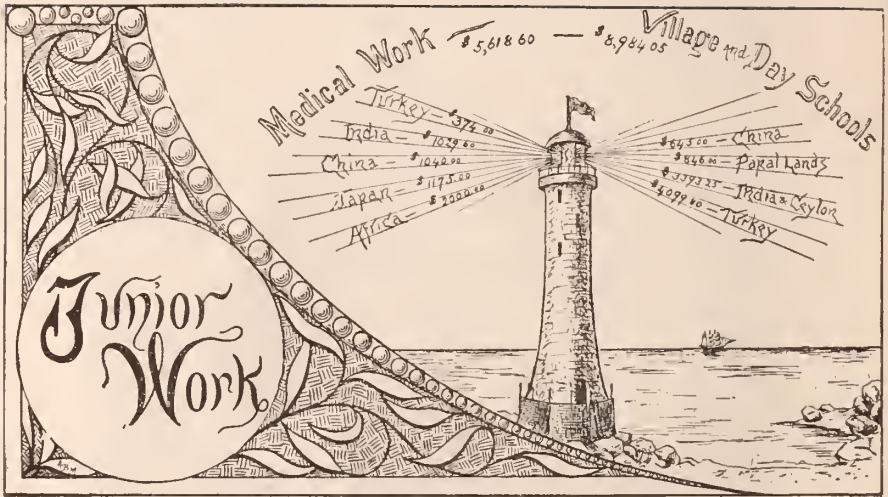
And their young women come to our schools, and they learn not only to read and write, so that many hold English Government certificates as teachers,—they learn self-reliance; they learn how to preside at meetings; and there is no difficulty in finding those who will "lead in prayer." These girls, erect, beautiful, and graceful, sometimes grow away from the drudgery of home; but they are taught to work, and we find that though they have in a mild degree the independence of American women, they need but to go into their own new homes, and to have responsibility thrust upon them, to show of what fine stuff they are made. As leaders, as teachers, as wives and mothers in heathen communities, we are proud of them.

And for our high caste and our Brahmin women what has been wrought? Many shut in crowded zenanas are sincere worshipers of Jesus. They read His words, they do not bow to idols, and they teach their children of Him. Ridicule and abuse many endure for His Name's sake; some are locked up, others starved; but through it all God is glorified, and his followers increase till they stand a multitude, known only in the Lamb's Book.



A LOW-CASTE GIRL.

Both pictures are true to-day, but once the dark picture had no rays of light,—all was somber ; to-day, to our girls who are educated, who have earned through their Christian training genuine respect and admiration, comes a new light,—the light which is found to be the only light that can illumine the lives of those sunk in ignorance, superstition, immorality, and hopelessness. “The sunlight of the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus” casts into strong relief the heavy shadows of heathenism ; but, oh ! how it illumines and attracts.



—To give light to them that sit in darkness Luke 1:77—

IF THEY ONLY KNEW.

BY MARY L. NINDE.

IT was the month of June, and the afternoon of the Young Ladies' F. M. S. in the fashionable church at C—. The soft breeze that stole in through the open windows of the classroom touched lightly the cheeks of the groups of girls who were engaging a little listlessly in the "opening exercises." When these were over, the president rose and said: "We have not arranged any literary programme for to-day, as Commencement is so near, and everyone is so busy. But I have an important item of business to present to the society. You know we are supporting a Bible woman in India, and you all probably know, too, that we are almost two quarters behind with our payments. There is only \$2.47 in the treasury. The question is, What shall we do?"

There was a moment's silence, then a voice broke out decidedly:—

"I move we make a desperate effort to pay this debt, then keep out of trouble another year by not taking any special work. Ever since we have had this Bible woman it has been the same old story of arrears and an empty treasury, and I am getting tired of it."

"But you know we thought some special work would be just the stimulus our society needed," protested sweet-faced Mabel.

"Yes; and so it was for a time; but our interest seems to be dying out."

"How do you propose raising this money?" asked a pretty blonde, in a stylish summer habit. "It is dreadfully hard to get up entertainments in warm weather."

"So hard, that a whole day at tennis, in the blazing sun, is nothing compared to it," mischievously retorted a companion; and half a dozen joined in a good-natured laugh at the expense of the tennis devotee.

"O, the best way will be to make up the amount out of our pin money," said one; "but I agree with Clare, that in the future we had better not assume obligations we are not sure we can meet easily."

"Miss President!"

The speaker was a quiet, plainly dressed girl, who sat in a corner. She was a clerk in a small shop, but usually managed to get off for an hour or two every month to attend this meeting.

"Miss President," she said, "I should be very sorry to have this Bible woman given up. It seems to me it is our duty to go on with her support, now we have begun. I, for one, am willing to do all I can to help."

"And so are we all," the president hastened to add, with a twinge of conscience at her own secret willingness to throw off responsibility.

"Why, of course," cried Clare; "it isn't that we aren't willing. Only the weight of a burden resting on us that we feel must be lifted, no matter what happens, is rather depressing. We will pay our dues just the same, and raise all the money we can besides."

"And may be such a tide of prosperity will pour in upon us next year that we shall be able to support two Bible women; who knows!" laughed the tennis player.

So it was voted almost unanimously to make up from private contributions the deficit in the Bible woman's salary, and at the close of the year to drop her.

"She is such a load off my mind," said one member to another.

"Yes," was the reply; "and it isn't as if by and by we cannot take up some work if we want to."

A few minutes later the light-hearted girls were sauntering away from the church in little companies of twos and threes, while the far-away heathen and their needs were forgotten in an animated discussion of prize essays and graduating suits.

On a hot, dusty plain in Central India stands a poor little Hindu village.

One morning in spring, when the scorching winds that precede the monsoon were beginning to blow, and the air was dry and oppressive, an unusual stir might have been seen among the people, and busy preparations for a season of feasting and merry making. In one of the mud huts, surrounded by a group of chattering women, is a young girl with large, glowing eyes, and face eager and expectant.

Lachhmi is to be married to-day, and she is happier than she has ever been before in all her short life. Not because she is soon to wed the one she loves, for she has never seen her future husband, but on account of the new yellow *sari* that is draped about her slender form, and the abundant jewels she wears. Poor enough ornaments they are; but the cheap glass bracelets and heavy pewter rings that encircle the delicate ankles, seem beautiful in Lachhmi's eyes.

The ceremony proceeds, and at last the supreme moment arrives when the bride is presented to her husband. The *sari* is thrown back from her face, and for one brief instant Lachhmi raises her eyes timidly to meet those bent upon her. Only one glance; then with a swift recoil of horror she sinks back, faint and gasping. Great beads of perspiration start to her forehead, as the awful truth forces itself upon the poor girl that she is married to—a leper! A leper! And her father knew this all the time—even arranged the betrothal himself—and yet did not tell his child! Lachhmi turns to him with such a look of appealing agony in her face, that it seems as if a heart of stone would be melted by it. Her eyes fill with scalding tears, and her lips quiver. But she does not cry out; she is very quiet. Hindu girls are taught to suffer in silence; they have no redress. Besides, in this case, what good would it do to speak? It is too late.

Lachhmi now lives at the home of her husband's parents. Her mother-in-law is cold and stern. One day when Lachhmi forgets Hindu etiquette so far as to raise her eyes in the presence of this new mother, she receives such a beating that she will carry the marks of it as long as she lives. She has to do nearly all the work of the house. She scours the brass dishes, helps to cook the food, and draws water from the deep well that stands in the courtyard, though the heavy bucket makes her back ache terribly. At night, after the men have finished their ten o'clock dinner, and the women are allowed to have something, she is often too tired to eat, and only longs to rest her tired limbs on the rude little bed in the corner. But she could bear it all bravely if she just had the one thing for which her heart is most hungry, and that is love. She is naturally such a clinging, affectionate little creature that she would not find it hard to love her husband in spite of his affliction, if he would let her. But his misfortune has soured his temper, and though his

disease is only in its earliest stages, its shadow is always over him, and makes him more harsh and neglectful than he would otherwise be.

Seven years pass, and Lachhmi, still a very young woman, looks old and faded. Her life is not a loveless one, for three little girls cling to her *sari* and call her mother. But her husband is cross and miserable because he has no son. "What are girls good for?" he cries angrily; "mine will only bring me a small marriage portion, because they are the daughters of a leper. I wish I had drowned them the day they were born!"

Even to Lachhmi the children are not the comfort they would have been once. Sorrow seems to be drying up the fountains of her heart. She scarcely knows what it is to feel deeply any more.

In the inner court of her home, fastened to one of the walls, is a little shrine. It contains the household gods, and every morning fresh water is placed there, and a small handful of rice and grain. One day, as Lachhmi is making her usual offering, she gets to wondering whether these gods, whose wants she supplies so regularly, ever think of her. Do they know she is not happy? Are they sorry for her? The thought is so much in her mind, that after a while she ventures to speak to her mother-in-law about it. A scornful laugh is the reply. "Do you suppose the gods care for you or any other woman? Do not the priests tell us we are beneath their notice, that our ears are too polluted to listen even to the reading of the most holy Shasters?"

Lachhmi says nothing more, but every day she grows weaker and weaker. What has she to live for, what to hope for now?

But one lovely winter morning an unexpected joy comes into her life.

The news flies through the village that a "Miss Sahib," a missionary from a neighboring city, has come to visit the women. She goes to a house not far from Lachhmi's home, and there the women flock together to hear her talk and sing. How Lachhmi longs to hear her, too! She never saw a white face but once in her life, and that was years ago at a *mela*, when she was a little child. Why should she not go with the others to the neighbor's house? She has not yet shown any signs of the leprosy, and could not harm the teacher. In her eagerness Lachhmi gathers courage to ask permission of her husband.

"Of what use is it for Miss Sahib to waste her time in teaching women who are no better than cows!" he exclaimed insolently. "But if the teaching can do them no good, neither will it do them harm. Yes, Lachhmi may go if she likes." Calling her little girls to her she stepped quickly across the flat roofs of the intervening houses, and sits down with the others at the feet of the missionary. The children scream with fright at the sight of a

foreigner, but the mother soon quiets them, and then listens with eager intentness to what the teacher is saying. She is talking about a God, one that Lachhmi never heard of before, who was killed by some wicked people. He must have been a kind God, for he was not angry at his enemies, only sorry for them. But Lachhmi cannot understand about it, and she is too timid to ask questions, so she just sits still and looks hungrily into the sweet face of the foreign lady. The teacher is young—not much older than Lachhmi herself. She has just told one of the women she is not married, which is very strange. Were her parents not able to get her a husband? But then, thinks the Hindu girl, why should she want one? And her thoughts fly back to her childhood days in her own home, the only really happy days she can remember; and as she compares that time with the present, her heart throbs, and her great, dark eyes dilate with suppressed feeling. At last she can bear it no longer, and breaks out impetuously, “Miss Sahib, Miss Sahib! don’t ever get married; it is hell to be married!”

The missionary is startled,—there is such a ring of hopeless anguish in that young voice,—but recovering herself she says, consolingly, “Never mind, Lachhmi; you have your children to comfort you.”

“I have no children,” is the reply.

“No children? Why, is not that your little girl you are holding in your lap?”

Lachhmi looks down at the sleeping child and is silent a moment; then she says slowly, “I have three of these things, but they are only girls.”

Too pained to talk any more, the missionary sings a few *bhajans*, and then prepares to leave. The women crowd around her. “When will you come again?” they ask. “To-morrow?” “Come very soon.”

The lady smiles, “I cannot come for a long time, but my Bible woman will visit you, and will tell you many things about the loving Jesus.”

A few days later the Bible woman comes, and after that she visits the village regularly once every week, and sometimes twice. The women like her, and as she is a Hindu, they can understand what she says better than when the Miss Sahib speaks. Lachhmi goes to see her whenever she can get permission. She looks forward to these visits with almost painful eagerness. They are bringing a glimmer of sunshine into the poor girl’s life. The good words from the Bible are like balm to her troubled spirit. Not that her darkened, untaught mind grasps much of their meaning, but they soothe and comfort her, without her really knowing how or why.

“I wish I could understand the lessons better,” Lachhmi says to herself: “I will listen carefully, and perhaps by and by I will.”

One morning, after about two months, the Bible teacher meets the women

with a sober face. When the lesson is over she says very sadly, "I cannot come to you any more."

"Cannot come any more?" echo a chorus of voices in dismay.

"No; the Miss Sahib has not any money to support me. The people far away over the sea, who used to send it to her, wrote a letter, and said they could not take care of me any longer. So I must stop teaching. O Lachhmi! poor Lachhmi! do not look at me that way!" and the tender-hearted Hindu burst into tears.

But Lachhmi does not cry. She only keeps repeating in a dreary monotone, "Not come any more!" The one little star that for a few short days has shone in her dark sky is about to disappear. "Good-bye," it whispers, "good-bye, Lachhmi!"

The girl goes home that afternoon and lies down on her bed. She cannot get up when they call her; she is burning with fever. Her mother-in-law stops a minute to look at her and says indifferently, "She will die, and it is well; she was too sickly to be of any account."

Lachhmi is not sick long. Once in her delirium she clasps her hands, such poor, thin little hands, and cries out in piercing tones for the teacher. But the only answer is a coarse laugh, and the shadow of a hideous idol thrown across her face. There is no loving friend during those last hours to wet her parched lips, none to kneel by her little cot and whisper sweet words of hope and Jesus in her dying ear. Uncomfortable and alone she lies, till one dark, stormy night Lachhmi's soul takes its flight from earth to the world beyond.

Were the girls in the home land cruel, do you think? Oh, not cruel! *They only did not know.*

Our Work at Home.

BIBLE READING.

THE WORDS OF JESUS.

ON that great day when God, the Father Almighty, spoke out of the bright cloud to three disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, the Eternal Wisdom could utter in earthly words no higher or broader commandment than this,—to hear what the Christ should say. (This hearing involves doing.) It is no less than God's beloved Son who is our instructor. *All Scripture is*

given by inspiration, and is profitable: they were holy men who spake throughout its pages, and they were moved by the Holy Ghost, but the words of Christ himself come to us with greatest power.

A dying believer found much comfort throughout a slow decline, in the books of Baxter and Bunyan, and of more modern saints; but as the end approached, he wanted nothing but the Bible, and at last, the words of Jesus only. So we, though we gain much from experienced leaders in our world-wide work, often want to turn back for guidance to the instructions of our Lord himself. Let us "hear him," and thus sum up and crown our missionary readings.

And He said, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you. . . . and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations. Preach the gospel to every creature, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. If ye love me, keep my commandments. Go your ways; behold, I send you forth. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye therefore, and teach all nations. Say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. . . . be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. See Luke xxiv. 46; Mark xvi. 15; Math. xxviii. 18, 19; John xiv. 15; Luke x. 3, 9, 11.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. And they shall come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. See Math. vi. 33; Luke xii. 32; Math. xxiv. 14; Luke xiii. 29.

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto the harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

He that overcometh . . . to him will I give power over the nations . . . will I grant to sit with me in my throne. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. John iv. 35, 36; Math. ix. 38; Math. xviii. 20; Rev. ii. 26, iii. 21, ii. 10.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

WAYS OF WORKING IN A COUNTRY CHURCH.

BY MRS. E. M. ROWLAND.

IN a village church in the Berkshire Hills, the money for foreign missions has always been gathered by collectors. For more than fifty years, at least, the same method has been followed. On the first Sabbath of July the pastor has read from the pulpit the names of six men of his own choosing and of six women (for the last twenty-one years chosen by our "auxiliary"), and has given notice that during July and August these twelve people would canvass the town, and has asked the parishioners to be ready with their offerings for foreign missions. For this purpose the town is divided into six districts, and it is hoped and expected that the twelve collectors will ask every person in town not known to be identified with some other congregation, to give for foreign missions through this channel. The method is the same for men and women, and during the early winter another twelve make a similar canvass for home missions; but I speak now only of the woman collector for the foreign work.

She takes a little pass book and pencil and goes to every house, once, twice, or three times, if she is an energetic collector, till she gets either money or a refusal to contribute. The contribution goes on record in the pass book over the giver's own signature, where the whole matter may be seen from year to year. Later, the treasurer copies all these names and gifts from the six little books into her larger book for a permanent reference; and it seems, in looking over this record of past years, like an anticipation of the day of judgment, when "the books shall be opened, and everyone shall be judged according to their works." This method has the merit of great thoroughness, of collecting the small offerings from people of slender means, and of training successive generations in giving. It insures unusual steadiness in the contributions, but it lessens hope of large increase, and leaves no room for sudden gains.

But after the annual meeting of the Woman's Board in Hartford, in 1891, when the special call came to go forward, although six members, unsolicited, handed in money after a monthly meeting amounting to twenty-five dollars, we felt that we must make a special effort all along the line; yet how to do it in a field already so well gleaned was a problem. Our decision was to use business methods,—to advertise, and engage more help, as well as pray. We asked the mission circle to help us. We gave every child a small list of names, and the same number of copies of "Aggressive Work," on which was written, "With the compliments of the Willing Workers." The children distributed two hundred tracts for us, the boys with bicycles

taking the remote neighborhoods, and each child putting the tract personally into a woman's hand, as far as possible. This prepared the way for the collector, kept it in mind that she was coming, and gave the children something to do. Our faith and work were rewarded when the collection which the six women brought in was \$337,—thirty dollars more than had been gathered in 1890, and with the offering in March mentioned before making \$362, against \$307 of the previous collection.

It now looked as if about as much had been raised in this way as we could hope for, but we were afraid we should drop back if we didn't keep up our efforts. An appeal had come to us suggesting a week in June for special self-denial; and we had two hundred copies of this struck off at the expense of a few dollars, changing the date of the week of self-denial to a week in July. We sent for two hundred copies of another tract published by the Woman's Board of Missions, called "The Rule of Three," and for the same number of the little yellow envelopes; and slipping an elastic over an appeal, a self-denial envelope, and a tract, we addressed one such package to every adult woman who ever comes to our church, and placed it in her seat, not omitting the summer resident, the woman who is shown to a seat by the usher every Sunday, or the girls who have just put on long dresses.

Providentially it was a fine day, and the congregation large. Six little girls gathered the packages left in the pews as people went out of church, and we easily forwarded them by the Sunday-school scholars. In the next few weeks the six women went over their districts, and brought in \$413,—an advance of fifty-one dollars on last year.

The men's collection, meanwhile, had kept up to the sum raised for some years past, in spite of good local reasons why it might have fallen off. Besides these, the twenty-five young women of our Junior auxiliary, which enrolls both men and women, have pledged an increase through their own treasury, and hope to raise one hundred dollars instead of their usual seventy-five dollars.

An examination of the six books show just the value of this method. No one was asked to join an auxiliary. It is always easy to say "No" to such a request. The collector says, "I have called for your contribution for foreign missions." And the books show that the \$436 was given by one hundred and sixty persons. Twenty-nine women gave less than fifty cents, and it is safe to say that no gifts bore a truer proportion to the means of the giver than some, at least, of these little offerings. Ninety women gave between fifty cents and two dollars; thirty women between two dollars and ten dollars; eleven women between ten dollars and thirty dollars.

Figures are said to be dry reading, but not when they show progress in intelligence and generosity. These figures do not deal with large yields, but

with methods of harvesting the small crops. We have just made our twenty-first annual collection as an auxiliary, though, as I have said before, collections among the women have always been taken; but fewer women gave independently in former generations than now.

The first year that the auxiliary was formed, a few large gifts brought the collection up to \$337. It didn't amount to three hundred dollars again for nine years, and only reached it six times during the first eighteen years. The last three years we have made it \$307, \$362, and \$436, by business methods, by scattering information, and by pressing home a sense of personal responsibility.

The unwritten law of our church prohibits entertainments, fairs, or suppers as a means of raising money. We keep our social life distinct from our finances and charities. Whether it is the best way or not is not under discussion here; but something must be allowed in the favor of a method which, besides taking twelve small collections for foreign missions at the monthly concerts, has twenty-four boys and girls saving their cents and nickels in Willing Workers miteboxes, forty young men and women in the Junior auxiliary with monthly pledges and with miteboxes, also, for self-denial money, one hundred and sixty women making a yearly offering, besides from eighty to one hundred men (according as the collectors are energetic). There were three hundred and three givers this year, and some years there have been three hundred and fifty; and this in a country village church, continually drained of its young life to build up the city churches East and West—fortunate city churches to be strengthened with recruits trained under such tactics!

IN MEMORIAM MRS. CHARLES STODDARD.

DIED, in Boston, October 1st, Mrs. Charles Stoddard, in the eighty-ninth year of her age.

Once more death has entered the ever-narrowing circle of those who were active in the formation of our Board. Among the few who accepted without hesitation the proposition for a separate organization for woman's foreign missionary work was Mr. Charles Stoddard, then Chairman of the Prudential Committee, who remained our firm friend till the close of his life. Encouraged by her husband, Mrs. Stoddard entered heartily into the plans for organization, was a constant attendant upon all the meetings, and was ever ready to respond to the many calls upon time and purse, heart and brain, that came to the workers in the early days. She rendered important aid to the cause by her abounding hospitality. Her beautiful home was always open to missionaries and other friends of the Board, and was also the scene of many delightful gatherings to speed the workers on their way to their fields, and to welcome them on their return to the home land. Her long life of nearly fourscore years and ten was full of thought for others, and many were the gifts and unobtrusive kindnesses received from her by the workers both at home and abroad. The last years of her life were mostly spent in the quiet of her home. There sweetly and patiently she waited for the summons of her Lord, which came at last so gently that, like a tired child, she fell asleep to wake in the presence of Him whom she loved so well.

As we approach the end of our first quarter of a century, our thoughts turn often to those whose wise plans, constant labor, generous gifts, and unceasing prayers laid the foundation of the structure that has risen to such fair proportions. Some have already heard the "Well done" of the Master Builder; some are sitting a little apart in quiet places, rejoicing at the beautiful walls going up before their eyes; while some are still bearing the burden of the day, placing a new stone here and there as best they may, till the time shall come when they, too, shall sit apart or go to their reward.

"They are gathering homeward from every land,
One by one.
As their weary feet touch the shining strand,
One by one,
Their brows are inclosed in a golden crown;
Their travel-stained garments are all laid down;
And, clothed in white raiment, they rest on the mead
Where the Lamb loveth his chosen to lead,
One by one."

QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday afternoon, November 1st, in the vestry of Park Street Church, was one of unusual excellence. The large audience contained a goodly number of young, bright faces, and the time was largely given to the interests of junior work and mission circles.

In the necessary absence of the President, Mrs. Smith, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. C. Creegan, one of the Vice Presidents. In the Scripture lesson and the opening remarks, she said a word of Dr. Livingstone's gave the keynote to her thought, "The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ." Prayer was offered by Miss Kate G. Lamson, of Boston.

The first speaker was Miss Alice M. Kyle, of Portland, who has had large experience in missionary work in the Maine Branch, and who has come to assist for a few months in the home department of the Board. Miss Kyle gave a graceful and suggestive address on the ways and methods of interesting young people. It abounded in practical and helpful ideas, and was not so much a theory of what might be done, as a story of methods which had been tried and proved.

Miss Bertha F. Vella, of Lynn, then gave a specimen mission circle meeting. She asked the ladies to resolve themselves for the time into the children of a mission circle, and take an imaginary journey with her to Turkey. She pictured a native school in that country, and the contrast between that and the kindergarten at Smyrna. Miss Vella's talk was illustrated by the use of the blackboard and by kindergarten emblems; and the children of a larger growth listened attentively as she told the various ways in which some other children had raised money to send to the needy.

A short time was given to questions from the audience, and several pertinent ones were asked and answered. In reply to a question, "How can the work be made real to children?" Miss Blodgett of Pawtucket said, "Make

it real to yourselves; use pictures; take it for granted that the children do not know as much as you do; make them feel that the work is for Christ."

Dr. Pauline Root of Madura gave a sparkling talk to the girls, urging them to become acquainted with missionaries. She herself might never have become interested in the foreign work had she not first become personally interested in a few missionaries. That attachment grew until it carried her to India. She made an appeal to mothers not to hold back their daughters from the foreign field, where they are so much needed. The work has its dark side, but it is no more disagreeable or dangerous than the work in the slums of large cities at home.

Dr. Root gave an affecting picture of the little child wives and mothers in their suffering and sickness. She had known just one case where a Brahmin girl remained unmarried in her father's house until she was seventeen years old. That one such girl had done so, was a thing for which to thank God and take courage.

E. C. P.

TOPICS FOR AUXILIARY MEETINGS.

December, 1892.—Mission Work in Papal Lands, see LIFE AND LIGHT for November.

January, 1893.—A Century of Missionary Effort.

February.—The Woman's Board in its Home Department of Work.

March.—The Power of the Holy Spirit in Mission Work.

April.—The Schools of the Board in Africa.

May.—The Evangelistic Work of the Board.

June.—Schools of the Board in Western Turkey.

A CENTURY OF MISSIONARY EFFORT.

TOPIC FOR JANUARY.

(1) A SKETCH of the life of William Carey, the founder of modern missions. (2) The condition of women in Eastern countries in 1792 and 1892.

(3) Results of missionary effort in education, in home life, in national life.

For the first division, see "Condensed Sketch of William Carey's Life" (price, 10 cents). For the second division, see leaflets describing condition of women as the missionaries find them before the gospel has affected them. See "Mothers and Homes in Africa," "Hindu Women and Their Homes," article, "Contrasts," page 553, "Woman in China," "The Women of Turkey" (2 cents each), "The Women of Japan" (5 cents). For contrast, see leaflet, "Story of Umcitwa and Yona" (Africa), LIFE AND LIGHT; for May, 1891 (India); December, 1891 (China); September, 1889 (Turkey); October, 1891 (Japan). 3. Results of missionary effort. See leaflet "What a Century of Christianity has Done for Woman" (price, 2 cents). For education, it would be interesting to give a sketch of the schools in some one country, for which material will be supplied from the Board Rooms. For home life, see LIFE AND LIGHT for January, 1891 (India), January and

February, 1891 (Turkey); public or national life, March, 1889 (Women's Meetings in Foochow), April, 1889 (Japan). "Story of the Queens of Madagascar and of the Sandwich Islands," see *Missionary Review* for November, 1890, obtained at No. 20 Astor Place, New York City (price, 25 cents); or in *Miracles of Missions* (price, 50 cents); and LIFE AND LIGHT for July and August, 1882. A *verbatim* report of Dr. Pentecost's address at the Annual Meeting of the A. B. C. F. M. has good material on the general topic, and may be obtained free. All these references, except the *Missionary Review*, may be obtained from Miss A. R. Hartshorn, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston.

Programmes and suggestions for children's meetings will be given in LIFE AND LIGHT each month, beginning with the January number. Topic cards for monthly meetings from January, 1893, to June, 1894, are now ready for distribution. They will be sent free to all who desire them. The monthly leaflet on the topics will be continued during the coming year, and will also be free to all.

THE Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Park Street Church, Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, 1893. All ladies interested are cordially invited to be present. A meeting for delegates will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, in the chapel of the church. The ladies of Boston will be happy to entertain all regularly accredited delegates and missionaries during the meeting. All such desiring entertainment are requested to send their names, before December 10th, to Mrs. Henry D. Noyes, No. 1 Congregational House, Boston. To any besides delegates who may desire to secure board, suitable places at reasonable rates will be recommended on application to the address given above. It is proposed that one feature of the silver wedding of the Board shall be a thank-offering service, in which every one present, if possible, shall present an offering of silver, in gratitude for the blessings of life in a Christian land, for the success that has attended the work of the Board, and for the personal uplift received from a share in that work.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Receipts from September 18 to October 18, 1892.

MISS ELLEN CARRUTH, Treasurer.

MAINE.

Maine Branch.—Mrs. W. S. Dana, Treas.
Falmouth, Second Cong. Ch., Aux.,
10.50; Waterford, A Friend, 5; South
Freeport, Friends, Self-denial, 8; Bid-
deford, Pavilion Ch., Aux., 14; Green-
ville, Aux., 30; Lakeside Helpers,
Thank Off., 2.70; South Princeton,
Union S. S., 1; Auburn, High St. Ch.,
Y. L. M. B., 30; Gorham, Aux., 23.25;
So. West Harbor, Miss'y Soc'y, 2.25,

126 70

Total,

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

New Castle.—Mrs. F. A. Bowles, 1.00
New Hampshire Branch.—Miss A. E. Mc-
Intire, Treas. Dumbarton, Hillside
Laborers, 3; Exeter, Mrs. Woodbridge
Odlin, L. M. Helen Lenox Street, 25;
Jaffrey, Lilies of the Field, p. c. L. M.
Miss L. S. Adams, 15; Lyme, Aux., L.
M., Miss Clara A. Whittemore, 27.38;
Meriden, Aux., 6.23; Plymouth, Y. P.
S. C. E., 5; Rochester, Aux., 30; Swann-

zey, Aux., Thank Off., 7.60; Webster, Y. P. S. C. E., 6; Bedford, Aux., 11,

136 21

Total, 137 21

VERMONT.

Shorcham.—A Friend, 10 00

Windsor.—Mrs. Sarah G. Freeman, L. M. Jeanett, Kimball Fay, 25 00

Vermont Branch.—Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Dorset, Mrs. Julia Williams, L. M.'s Mrs. Jennie D. Williams, Mrs. Eliza B. Armstrong, 50, S. S., 12; Greensboro, Aux., 1.40; McIndoes Falls, Aux., 2.60; West Rutland, Aux., 5; Stowe, Infant Class, S. S., 4; Townshend, Aux., 15; Windham, Aux., 7,

97 00

Total, 132 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover and Woburn Branch.—Mrs. C. E. Swett, Treas. Lexington, Hancock Ch., Aux., 21; Stoneham, Aux., 30; Malden, Aux., of wh. 67 a Thank Off. and 25 L. M. Mrs. Jane Marsh Jeffers, 86; Winchester, Aux., of wh. 72.35 a Thank Off., 79.35,

216 35

Berkshire Branch.—Mrs. C. E. West, Treas. Adams, Aux., 25 10; Dalton, Y. L., Aux., 21.85; Hinsdale, Aux., 22.20; Lee, Aux., Self-denial, 1; Lenox, Aux., 15; Pittsfield, First Ch., Aux., 1, South Ch., Aux., 33.03; Stockbridge, Thank Off., 5.75,

124 93

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Danvers.—Miss Aurelia W. Perry, Essex North Branch.—Mrs. W. Kimball, Treas. South Byfield, Aux., 15; Newburyport, Belleville Missy Soc'y, L. M.'s Mrs. John E. Bailey, Mrs. Charles E. Rowe, 50, Aux., Self-denial, 24. North Ch. M. C., through Newburyport Aux., 20, Aux., 60, Miss A. E. Wiggin's Cl., 3; Bankers, 5,

177 00

Essex South Branch.—Miss S. W. Clark, Treas. Peabody, Aux., 290.56; Salem, Tabernacle Ch., Thank Off., 28; Boxford, Aux., 35; Dauvers, Maple St. Ch., Aux., of wh. 75 L. M.'s Mrs. D. R. Galloupe, Mrs. Eben Pitman, Miss Jessie Fuller, 91.50; Manchester, Aux., 40; Gloucester, Aux., 75.25; Middleton, Aux., 19.25,

570 56

CORRECTION.—In the September LIFE AND LIGHT, Lynnfield Centre was credited with 25.70. It should be Lynnfield South.

Franklin Co. Branch.—Miss L. A. Sparhawk, Treas. Orange, Aux., 37.70; South Deerfield, Aux., 12,

49 70

Hampshire Co. Branch.—Miss H. J. Kuce-land, Treas. Hatfield, Aux., p. c. L. M. Mrs. Henry More, 41.25; North Amherst, Mrs. A. Dutton, 15; South Hadley, Aux., L. M. Miss Mary L. Judd, 25; Williamsburgh, Aux., 7.50,

88 75

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Upprich.—First Ch., Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Treas. Framingham, Aux., 50 cts.; Holliston, Aux., 40.22; Hopkinton, Aux., 41.25; Lincoln, Aux., 50, Self-denial, 3; Millbury, Aux., 18; Natick, Aux., 71.35; Saxtonville, Aux., 24.60; So. Framingham, Aux., 100.64, South Su-

tick, Eliot Soc'y, 11; Wellesley, Aux. 57; Lincoln, M. C., 50,

468 16

Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.—Mrs. C. T. Tirrell, Treas. Duxbury, Aux., 1.30; Randolph, Memorial M. B., 30; Braintree, Aux., 7; South Weymouth, Mrs. J. Hunt, Thank Off., 1.25; Plympton, Aux., Thank Off., 20.32; Hlybrook, Aux., 19,

78 87

North Middlesex Branch.—Mrs. A. R. Wheeler, Treas. Dunstable, Aux., 39; Harvard, Aux., 31.35, Y. P. S. C. E., 10; Westford, Aux., 11.40, Y. P. S. C. E., 12.65,

104 40

Northampton.—Smith College Missy Soc'y, 45 00

Old Colony Branch.—Miss F. J. Runnels, Treas. Norton, Aux., 100; Somerset, Pomegranates, 10; Middleboro, Aux., 40, Mrs. Sherman, 20.22; Rochester, Sunbeams, 4.40,

174 62

Springfield Branch.—Miss H. T. Bucking- ham, Treas. Holyoke, Second Ch., Aux., 251.85; Ludlow Mills, Aux., 27; Longmeadow, Aux., 32 10; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., 297.23, Jun. Aux., 81.73, Jun. C. E., 14, South Ch., Aux., 117.00, Jun. Aux., 18; Indian Orchard, Aux., 32.05, Willing Helpers, 10, Olivet Ch., Olive Br., 27.50; West Springfield, Park St. Ch., Aux., 100, Helping Hands, 10.15, Y. P. S. C. E., 4.87, Self-denial, 1, 1,024 48

Suffolk Branch.—Miss M. B. Child, Treas. Boston, A Thank Off., 100, Berkeley Temple, Jun. Aux., 10, "A," 25, Union Ch., Aux., 154.86, Brighton, Aux., 3; Cambridge, Shepard Memorial Ch., Aux., 201.00; Dorchester, Mrs. S. A. Carruth, 10, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 3, Village Ch., Jun. Aux., 20, Second Ch., Aux., 115.13, Y. L. Aux., 87.28, Hyde Park, of wh. 40 by friends, 76.86; Need- ham, Willing Workers, 25; Newton, Mrs. Charles O. Tucker, Thank Off., L. M. Marion Danforth Tucker, 25, Eliot Ch., Aux., of wh. 50 by A Friend L. M.'s, Mrs. C. C. Creagan, Mrs. F. J. Locke, 10, Self-denial, 160; Revere, Aux., 5, Rox- bury, Eliot Ch., Aux., of wh. 25 by A Friend, L. M. Mrs. Page Moore, 60.50, Highland Ch., Aux., 8.81; Watertown, Phillips Ch., Aux., 25.20; Wrentham, Ladies M. C., 17, Waverly, Aux., 11.25,

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West Berlin.—Miss S. C. Larkin, Worcester Co. Branch.—Mrs. C. S. Newton, Treas. Southbridge, Aux., of wh. 26 a Thank Off., 42.80; Winchendon, Aux., 14; Clinton, Aux., 96.07; Rockdale, Aux., Thank Off., 33.32, Millbury, Sec- ond Ch., Aux., 23.25; Gilbertville, Aux., Self-denial, 54.20; Worcester, Park Ch., Aux., 7, Summer St. Ch., Aux., 11.20, Central Ch., Aux., 23.25, Union Ch., Aux., 76.73, Lancaster, Y. L. M. S., 17; Saundersville, of wh. 860 a Thank Off., 31.39,

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Total,

4,755 73

LEGACY.

Springfield—Legacy of Katharine H. Lombard,

3,000 00

RHODE ISLAND.

Rhode Island Branch—Miss A. T. White, Treas. Central Falls, Aux., 26.38, Y. L. M. C., 60, M. Workers, 40; Barrington,

Aux., 100, Bayside Gleaners, 7.75; Bristol, Aux., 15; Little Compton, Aux., 23.50; East Providence and Seekonk, 43.36; Pawtucket, Park Place, Aux., 101; Westerly, Aux., 40.65, Y. F. M. C., 26; Kingston, Aux., 28; Woonsocket, Aux., 10, Y. L. Aid Soc'y 5; Riverside, Bud Circle, 5; Providence, Beneficent Ch., Aux., 222.25, Academy Ave., M. C., 5, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 33, North Ch., Aux., 70.83, Free Ch., Standard Bearers, 5, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 143.78, Central Ch., Aux., 356, Mrs. Lathrop, L. M., Amy Louise Guild, 25; Wilkison, M. C., 5; Pawtucket, Aux., of wh. 25 by Mrs. Alexander McGregor, L. M. Miss Lizzie H. McKinley, 25 by Mrs. E. C. E. Davis, H. M., Harold Read Perkins, 339.01, Y. L. M. C., of wh. 100 L. M. Miss Audrey Thompson, 189.85, Golden-rod M. C. 50, Happy Workers, 30, S. S. Cont., 35.14, Y. P. S. C. E., 6,

Total, 2,068 05

CONNECTICUT.

East Conn. Branch.—Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., 100, Park Ch., Aux., 110, Ch. End, M. C., 5; East Lyme, Aux., 3; Hampton, Aux., 17; Danielsonville, Aux., Thank Off., 81 62, 316 62
Goshen.—Mrs. Moses Lyman, 4 40
Hartford Branch.—Mrs. G. R. Shepherd, Treas. Berlin, Golden Ridge M. C., 50; New Britain, Little Helpers, So. Cong. Ch., 57.19; Gastonbury, M. B., 55.60; Bristol, Aux., 59.42; Canton Centre, Aux., 15; Collinsville, S. S., 5, Aux., 77.30, M. C., 38; Columbia, Aux., of wh. 25 const. L. M. Miss Amelia J. Fuller, 60, M. C., 4.55; East Windsor, Aux., 35; East Hartford, Aux., 73.50, M. C., 25; Enfield, The Gleaners, 50; Ellington, Aux., 70; Glastonbury, Cheerful Givers, 7 23; Hartford, A Friend, 2, Fourth Ch., Aux., 2, Asylum Hill Ch., 25, Wethersfield Ave. Ch., 25, Pearl St. Ch., Aux., 1.75; Hebron, Aux., of wh. 25 const. L. M. Mrs. Corintha W. Kenny, 27.50; Kensington, Aux., 30; Manchester, First Ch., Aux., 75; New Britain, South Ch., Aux., of wh. 25 by Miss J. E. Case const. L. M. Mrs. W. I. Fielding, 86.67; Newington, Aux., 96.82, Jun. Aux., 34.75, Rain Drops, Boys' Circle, 15; Poquonock, Aux., of wh. 25 L. M. Mrs. Thomas Duncan, 60.33, Cheerful Givers, Boys' Div., 27.54, Girls' Div., 21.55; Rockville, Aux., 104, Little Helpers, 8; Rocky Hill, Aux., 12.45; Simsbury, Aux., 32.50; Somers, Aux., 23.80; Southington, Aux., 26.55; South Coventry, Aux., 10; Stafford Springs, Aux., 26; Suffield, Y. L. M. C., 15; Talcottville, Aux., 100, Little Light Bearers, 20; Terryville, Aux., 80.36; Tolland, Aux., 68.07; Unionville, Aux., 23.66; Vernon Centre, Aux., 42.54, M. C., 10.76; West Hartford, Aux., 17; Windsor, Aux., of wh. 25 by Miss Olive Pierson, L. M. Miss Mamie Wilson, 50; Windsor, M. C., 25; Windsor Locks, Aux., Y. L., 81.20, Aux., 100.50, 2,091 18

New Haven Branch.—Miss J. Twining, Treas. Bridgeport, First Ch., Jun. S.

C. E., 11; Chester, S. C. E., 4; Cornwall, C. G., 75.49; Danbury, First Ch., S. C. E., 10; Essex, S. C. E., 15; Greenwich, B. of L., 44.60; Ivoryton, S. C. E., 30; Middletown, First Ch., M. II., 15; New Haven, Davenport Ch., S. S., 70, United Ch., S. C. E., 75; New Milford, First Ch., S. C. E., 23.80; Norfolk, Y. L. M. C., 40; North Haven, S. C. E., 10; Prospect, Gleaners, 25; Sharon, B. B., 50; Wallingford, S. C. E., 16.40; Waterbury, First Ch., S. C. E., 10, Second Ch., S. C. E., 40; Westville, Y. L. M. C., 35, A Friend in Penn., 25; Millington, A Friend, 1; New Hartford, A Friend, 5; New Britain, M. C., 10.75, 642 04

Total, 3,054 24

LEGACY.

Winsted.—Legacy of Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell, 2,000 00

NEW YORK.

Baiting Hollow.—Mrs. Wm. E. Newton, 5 00
Brooklyn.—Miss Grace Clark, 3 00
New York City.—Mrs. F. Viuton, 5 00
New York Branch.—Miss C. A. Holmes, Treas. Aquebogue, Aux., 24.75; Buffalo, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 5, Cheerful Givers, 1.70, S. S., 25; Binghamton, Aux., 45; Bridgewater, Aux., 15; Berkshire, Daisy M. B., 10; Brooklyn, Tompkins Ave. Ch., Aux., 132; Candor, Missy's Guild, 5; Canandaigua, Aux., 20; Coventryville, Aux., 5; Ellington, Aux., 4.70; Fairport, Aux., 16; Homer, Aux., of wh. 50 L. M.'s Mrs. Francis Cory, Miss Clara Hebbard, 81.19, Mrs. B. W. Payne, 5; Jamestown, Aux., 88.58; Java, Village Ch., 3.25; Lockport, First Ch., Aux., 27; Mt. Vernon, Y. W. C. M. A., 10; Oswego, 20; Syracuse, Danforth Ch., Aux., 20; Sherburne, Aux., 28; Ticonderoga, Aux., 33; Westmoreland, Aux., 14.50, 639 77

Total, 652 77

PENNSYLVANIA.

Neath.—Y. P. S. C. E., 5 00
East Smithfield.—Y. P. S. C. E., 5 00

Total, 10 00

GEORGIA.

Savannah.—Bible Cl. and Infant Dept., Second Presb. Ch., 24 00

Total, 24 00

MONTANA.

Anaconda.—Mrs. Nancy M. Tracy, 25 00

Total, 25 00

General Funds, 10,986 30
 Variety Account, 51 19
 Legacies, 5,000 00

Total, \$16,037 49

MISS HARRIET W. MAY,
 Ass't Treas.



THE ANNUAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY.

OUR Annual Meeting this year occupied the afternoon of Wednesday, September 7th, and the entire day, Thursday, the 8th. The Wednesday meeting was held in San Francisco, at the First Congregational Church, and at two o'clock a goodly number of ladies assembled in the parlors for the introductory devotional exercises. In the unavoidable absence of our President, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. McLean presided. The exercises were opened by the singing of "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," that inspiring hymn, in which all joined with enthusiasm. Then followed the reading in unison of Psalm lxxii., and at its conclusion Mrs. Fisher led in prayer. Another hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," was succeeded by a few moments of silent prayer, and a number of earnest and direct sentence prayers. Next in order came the various annual reports.

First, Mrs. Smith, our Recording Secretary, presented the chronicle of a year's events in the history of the Board, touching upon the monthly meetings, our money appropriations, the legacies we have received, the presence of different missionaries during the year,—notably Miss Pauline Root's stay among the churches,—missionary literature, and other topics, making up a paper of interest and value. We learn from the reports much that we should know, but do not, until it is clearly set forth by some one who has thought it out and arranged it in order for the mind to easily grasp.

Mrs. Dwinell's recent severe illness prevented her being present at the San Francisco meeting; but her report, the Home Secretary's, was read by Mrs. Wilcox, and closely followed by all. This, too, abounded in helpful thought and suggestion, and we shall look forward to its appearance in *The Pacific*.

In the Foreign Secretary's report, Mrs. Hutchinson gave an account of our nine missionaries, with necessarily brief reference to the work, trials, and encouragements of each.

Mrs. Warren, our other Home Secretary, next gave a little address of welcome to the delegates from other churches meeting with us. To the extreme regret of all, Mrs. Warren feels that she must resign her office this year, though she will still continue an honorary member of the Executive Committee, where her counsel and advice are so highly valued. Mrs. Hutchins will take Mrs. Warren's place.

After the singing of a verse of "Jesus Saves," the nominating committee made their report, and the election of officers followed. With the exception of Mrs. Warren, all remain as during last year. A concluding paper by Mrs. Farnam, on "Stewardship," was heartily enjoyed and appreciated by all. It is rarely the case that one listens to a more spirited, stirring, or brighter article than Mrs. Farnam's; and many thanks are due her for the pleasure and inspiration that she gave us.

K. K. H.

THURSDAY.

Promptly at the hour of 9.30 A. M., a few ladies were on hand in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, to commence the exercises of this second day of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board. Mrs. Sadler, after a reading in Ezekiel, called for several ladies to offer prayer, and after singing and the devotional exercises Mrs. McLean took the chair, and the reports of auxiliaries was called for. A great many auxiliaries sent in written reports, but had no delegate present. These were read by the Home Secretary, Mrs. Warren. Many delegates were present, who reported the work in their own auxiliaries. A most enthusiastic letter was read from the Southern Branch, from Mrs. Hansen, of Los Angeles. She said the deficit, which had loomed up before them so threateningly a few months ago, had been more than raised. She wrote of a young lady who was not able to go herself as a foreign missionary, but her friends knew of her great desire to send some one to take her place, so they kept sending her check after check, till at last the sum of \$500 had been sent to her for that purpose. Now her desire was to send another missionary out; not content with sending one, she wanted to send two. She spoke of their joy in sending out one of their own daughters this year, Miss Alice Harwood, of Orange. An interesting letter was also read from the Washington Branch. Captain Bray, being present, was called upon to offer prayer. Then came the greetings from other societies. Mrs. B. Spencer, of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California, was the only one present. She delighted us all with her charming talk. She said we were all sisters; she liked to linger over the word sister. We are all bound by a common tie—our relationship to Christ—our Elder Brother. It is such a grand thing to be a Christian woman. Although sin first came

into the world by woman, redemption also came by woman; and the first Christian church in Christian Europe was founded in the house of Lydia. Her department is the circulation of leaflets among the auxiliaries. They cull from all denominations, and sell, not give them away. She told the story of the mission of a little illustrated leaflet, "Little Heart" (which was bought by a little girl for one penny), in a very touching manner; and other incidents were given, showing that the influence of these boughten leaflets could never be estimated. She closed her loving greeting to us in these words:—

- "Go, send my gospel of joy and peace
 With loving haste across the seas;
 There is no toil but your Lord shall share,
 For lo, I am with you everywhere.
- "Oh! if there shall come to the land of rest,
 From the North, the South, from the East and West,
 The souls of the ransomed we gathered there,
 In answer to faith, and work, and prayer,
- "Oh! how small to us will seem the price
 Of our greatest love and sacrifice,
 In the glad new song that to you and me
 May come to our ears from over the sea."

At Mrs. McLean's suggestion a telegram was sent to our President in these words, "Love, sympathy, hope." This expression was taken by a rising vote.

Following Mrs. Spencer was Miss Carpenter, from the Islands of the Sea. She was introduced by a letter from the Secretary of the "Woman's Board of the Pacific Islands." This letter introduced her as the Mary Lyon of the Pacific, saying "she had done as much for the Hawaiian girls as Mary Lyon had for the girls of America." She made a delightful address, telling us of her experience with some of the girls with whom she had to do. Four hundred girls had been under her care. Three of them had gone out as the wives of native missionaries to Micronesia. She spoke of this as a step in advance for Hawaiians. Until the past three years they had not been willing to leave their own home and go out to the other islands of the Pacific. She held our closest attention.

After singing and prayer, the morning session closed. The ladies had been dropping in all morning, so by this time about one hundred and fifty ladies were in attendance. After a short time spent in a social way the announcement came that lunch was ready; and a most bountiful lunch it was—everything delicious, and daintily served, and young ladies in abundance to attend to our every want.

At 1.30 the meeting was called to order by Mrs. McLean, our first Vice President, and after the opening exercises the reports from auxiliaries were finished up; then came the reading of the great report of the meetings—that of the indefatigable Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Cole. But, alas! at its close we

learned the sad fact that, although \$5,756 had been received, we had a deficit of \$244.

Mrs. McLean suggested a "self-denial week" in order to clear off this amount. Mrs. Farnam said, "Why not raise it *now*; I'll give \$5." So we caught the inspiration from her, and in a few minutes \$100 of the amount was pledged. Still we had \$144 staring us in the face. Mrs. McLean suggested still that next week, commencing Monday, 12th, be one of self-denial, and at its close the amount saved be handed to Mrs. Cole. This motion was made and carried.

At this point of the meeting Mr. Hager was called upon to offer prayer. After singing, and prayer by Mrs. H. H. Cole, Mrs. Farnam was invited to read again her helpful and inspiring paper on "Stewardship." Applause followed the reading of it. After singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," a delightful paper on "Children's Societies" was given by Mrs. H. H. Cole, of San Francisco. It was full of practical suggestions, based on her own experience. May they be speedily acted on, and may the girls and boys both be trained in missionary work! In the discussion which followed, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Wilcox took part.

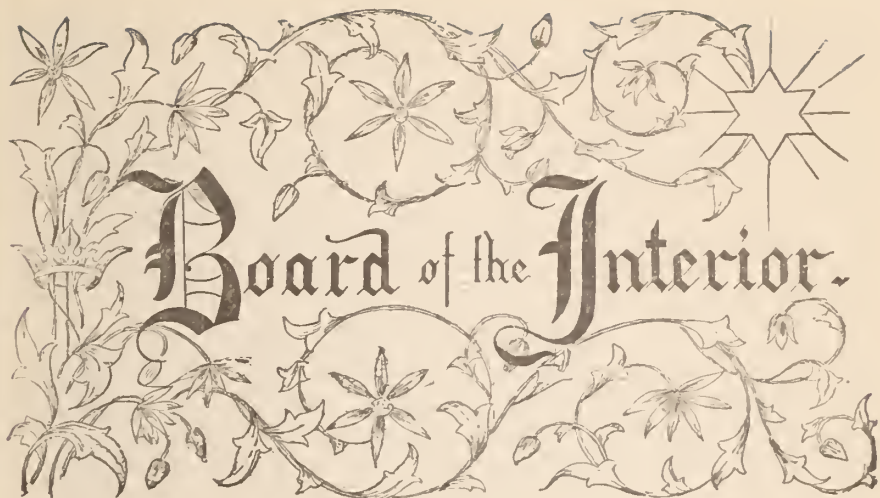
Next came the hour belonging to the Young Ladies' Branch. Mrs. McLean, in a few fitting words, introduced Miss M. Williams, the President of the Branch, who came forward and took the chair. The first thing on the programme was the beautiful selection "Come Unto Me," sung by one of Oakland's sweetest singers, Miss Fox. She seemed to have caught the inspiration of the occasion, and touched all hearts as she sang the beautiful words. Following this came the report of the Recording Secretary, Miss Marshall, read by Miss Alice Flint. This report showed twelve auxiliaries, and, with the new one of Market Street Church, thirteen in all. Then came the reports of the Home Secretary, Miss Merriam, and of Miss Dibble, Foreign Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, Miss Grace Goodhue, showed that the young ladies had been able to accomplish great things during the year, having raised \$805,—quite in advance over any previous year. Then came a song, with violin accompaniment, and a dialogue in costume, "The Children of Christian and Heathen Nations", given by ten of the "Wide Awakes",—a little missionary society connected with the Pilgrim Congregational Sunday School, East Oakland. Then came the report from this same little society, read by their Secretary, Elsie Holway, showing that out of the \$65 they had raised during the year, \$37.50 of it had gone toward a Broosa scholarship.

Mrs. Williams gave us an inspiring talk, reporting the auxiliaries in a flourishing condition, and urging the young ladies present who had no auxiliary in their church to go home and organize one; and, certainly, if stirring words could have accomplished it, there would have been several started before this. With the Lord's Prayer, in which all joined, the delightful meeting came to a close.

Many thanks are due to the ladies of the First Church for their hospitality; to Mrs. McLean, for the graceful manner in which she guided our deliberations; to Miss Burbank, who presided at the organ; and to the young ladies who so faithfully discharged their duties as ushers.

J. D. W.



CHINA.

LETTER FROM MISS RUSSELL.

While Miss Chapin was absent on her trip down the river to meet Miss Haven, Miss Russell wrote as follows:—

LAST week when the home mail came, it brought me the lovely calendar you sent me. Thank you so much; and do you know, it came on the day the people were praying for me. I could not keep the tears back when I saw that, and I united with you in praying that I might be faithful to the work and the great privilege given me.

What a grand idea that was to make such a calendar! Now, we away in the foreign fields, can unite with you and with each other in praying for one another. How much closer together it brings us, and broadens our interests; and I am sure it has done me much good in the few days I have had it. I am sure I only say what every other missionary will say, "God bless the ones who arranged the calendar."

Saturday afternoon we had a new Japanese bath tub put in the girls' bath-room. After some of them had bathed, one of the girls pulled out the plug, and the water, of course, went all over the floor, two or three inches deep. We were all at work cleaning up when Mrs. Blodget came out with the telegram from Miss Haven. How we all smiled, and with what light hearts we went on with the work, I will leave you to imagine.

Early Monday morning Miss Chapin left for Tientsin. I expect they will be back some time next week. The winds have been terrible of late, and

the dust beyond description. Poor Miss Chapin, I suppose, was tied up at the bank all day yesterday. To-day has been pleasanter, so I hope she has gone on well.

The girls are all trying to be good and helpful, though some amusing things have happened in these two days. Oh, how I long to talk, and say all that is in my heart! I have come to love them so dearly that I dread giving them up. I did not think it would be so hard. Still, I shall love my work in the day schools and among the women. How true it is that we love anything we put our hearts into, or rather put into our hearts. We have a small day school on the place. To-day we had ten, besides two or more babies. At present it is taught by one of the large girls, and she does well, and the little people are fond of her. After Miss Haven comes I expect to give an hour a day to it. We have introduced some kindergarten ideas, and I believe it will be a means of blessing to many a home. I mean to have them work texts on cardboard with thread, and have them put in their homes. I also have some powder and oil for illuminating, and our boarding-school girls like that very much. I mean also to have the others do some of it, and in that way we can get a little of the heart of the gospel into some of these homes where otherwise we could not reach them. I am also very happy because our Bible woman, Ah-nai-nai, has asked all the women where she visits if they will let me visit them with her, and all have said yes, and been very nice. This I cannot do till Miss Haven comes back. I have decided not to put on Chinese clothes in the city visiting. I also hope to go out to a small town with Dr. Murdock once a week. Then we hope to get another day school near the North Chapel, when I shall go each day for an hour. There is so much one can see to do that it is a trial to be held back because of the lack of the language, yet looking back a year I can see a gain.

The moment I take up my pen a girl comes, and her wants are many, yes, legion; and questions follow till it seems as if the girls were a lot of interrogation points walking about. Now they are all gone, and I hope are asleep. They were telling me about a little new girl; when she came she was very much frightened, now she is happy, though always in some trouble. Well, for a few days she has not been very good, and when Mr. Chow called on her to say her lesson, she would not, so he told her she would have to be punished. While he was hunting for his ruler she ran out into the court, and such a time as they had catching her for she is very smart and spry. They got her at last, and took her to Mr. Chow. He gave her a few taps with his ruler, and told her he should do the same every day if she did not do better, so what has the little miss done but hide his ruler. This all took place while I was at lunch. I have not had any remarks with the young lady yet. The first few

days she was here, she said whenever I came near her it gave her the headache. Don't you think I had better be recalled? Now I wish sometimes she was a little more afraid of me than she is. Take it all in all, she is a character I rather enjoy; the girls say she is *l'ao chi to' lo hao*, but she has the making of a smart little woman. The other time Miss Chapin went away, one of the girls got so angry she went into a fit, and Mrs. Ament and I worked over her nearly an hour before she came out of it. I hope this time we shall not have any such scenes. What tempers the Chinese have when they give way to them! They remind one not a little of the evil spirits in the time of our Lord. I believe they were the evil spirit of an unrestrained temper. This girl I saw one day down on the bricks bumping her head and kicking her little feet; and she often used to say she would jump into the well if the girls told of her when she was bad. This time she is doing very well, and is striving very hard to overcome the evil in her. I have seen her sorely tried, and yet she has not given way. Nothing but the grace of God can help her, and she shows she is having help, and means to do right; how it rejoices our hearts. She used to have such a hard look, and no one liked her; always in trouble with the girls, and we found it very hard to overcome our dislike; but now she very seldom gets angry, and we all are fond of her. The poor child needs help and our prayers, for she had a long, hard task before her. I suppose Miss Chapin has told you of the death of one of our dear girls. She was such a comfort and help that it was hard to give her up; I miss her very much. She had helped me all the year with my Sunday-school class. Our girls were all so brave during the hard days, and I think if ever they showed the Christian spirit it was then.

JAPAN.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM MISS GERTRUDE COZAD, NIIGATA.

THE condition of the women in the Northern Province is quite different from their condition in Southern and Western Provinces. The farming women especially fill me with such pity; and I do long to be able to do work in the farming villages. It is the women here who do the work which is done by horses at home.

All the able-bodied women are out in the rice fields working, with the mud up to, or above, their knees, wielding a heavy hoe with a blade eighteen inches long. And you see them, old and young, climbing the mountains, and cutting and bringing down on their backs great loads of firewood, and

carrying it to the cities to sell. Often in riding through the country I have just had to shut my eyes. I could not bear to look upon these sisters of mine doing such work as that; and yet, in the evening, when I went to the evening meeting in some farming village, I would perhaps see those very same women in neat, clean clothes, with hair as neat as wax, with rosy cheeks, telling of the health which their rough work brings them, or, at least, which it brings to the young women.

The older women look all worn out, as well they may; but still, it isn't altogether the rough work which ages them so. It is the unhappiness of the home life, the continual oppression, the jumping from girlhood into womanhood, which makes old women of a woman of forty: married when they are fourteen or fifteen, younger than that sometimes, going to the husband's house, where, however pitiable the condition of the mother and daughter, the condition of the daughter-in-law is far worse.

For the slightest offense the wife is divorced, and sent back to the father's house. If they could only remain divorced that would not be such a bad thing after all, but that cannot be; they are married and married again until they get where they can stay. I hear that among the coolie class a very common form of greeting is, "Have you the same wife as when I met you last?" It is this false position of women together with their hard work which breaks them down, body and spirit, by the time they are thirty-five or forty.

While I have presented this dark picture of the women of Echigo, I do not, of course, mean to imply that this is all. This is largely the condition of the lower classes only, and yet the sin and the rottenness which it reveals brings sorrow into the homes of the well to do also.

While there are many homes where the condition is very different, and where, comparatively speaking, there is much of happiness and brightness, yet in the homes of the wealthy or official classes there is an emptiness and aimlessness in the lives of the women which is perhaps harder to bear than the drudgery of the poorer women.

A woman is not considered worth educating; her training consists, first, last, and all the way between, in teaching her obedience, as a child, as a wife, and even as a mother. To this is added some sewing and cooking; the knowledge of how to bring up her children is supposed to come by instinct. It is from such a province as this, and for such women as this, that our girls' school has been started.

In this great darkness that one school is only a candlelight; and yet it is light, and however feeble it is it must not be allowed to go out. The people do not care for it; they would rather have their daughters ignorant than not.

And yet that should not discourage us ; it should only inspire us to greater exertions for the school.

Just now there is a great wave passing over the country of opposition to private schools for girls and boys, in favor of public schools. In all the schools the numbers have fallen off, and the money is slow to come in just now ; but in this country nothing ever remains in a state of equilibrium for any length of time, so it may be that this will all be changed in a short time. The waiting is pretty hard, however, and a great deal of patience is required. My own work is not in the schools, but consists of touring and visiting from house to house.

This work in the outstations is most encouraging, and I feel sure that Christianity is going to spread quickly in this region. It takes about ten days to visit all the outstations, except one or two which I am not able to visit often because they are so remote.

[Miss Cozad's friends will follow her with interest as she goes to Kobe this winter, to assist Miss Dudley and Miss Barrows in their training school for women.—ED.]

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. B. M. I.

[Held in Detroit, October 25th, 26th, and 27th.]

BY MRS. GEORGE M. CLARK.

It has passed into a proverb that rainy weather is an accompaniment of the Annual Meeting of the W. B. M. I. The week in October, during which the last meeting was held, although not overblessed with sunshine, was, nevertheless, one of so clear skies as to rank itself with the honorable exceptions which prove the rule. The thoughtful loving kindness, which made the days go by in sweet succession from Monday evening, when the majority of the Executive Committee arrived, until Friday afternoon, when they took regretful leave, give certain assurance that the fair city of kindly hospitality will be remembered long by many earnest women, young and old, who there gathered store of strength and comfort. A feature of this twenty-fourth annual gathering was the all-day executive session of Tuesday, which clarified thought and prepared for the carrying on of business during the following days, with unusual freedom from delay.

The feature of the opening exercises of Tuesday evening was the address of welcome by Dr. Davis, pastor of the First Congregational Church, within the walls of whose beautiful edifice the sessions were held, followed by Rev. H. P. De Forest and Rev. L. M. Wood, of sister churches. An informal reception, including the serving of refreshments, did much to increase

acquaintance, preparing the way for the work which crowded the following days. Devotional meetings of a half hour preceding the morning sessions of both Wednesday and Thursday, were felt to be markedly blessed.

After the opening services of Wednesday morning, at which the President, Mrs. Moses Smith, presided, officers and delegates were welcomed in gracious speech by Mrs. Davis, the wife of the pastor, who remarked afterward, in conversation, that she might have related the fact that the Sunday after the dedication, at which time the indebtedness had been entirely canceled, the contribution was for foreign missions, this seeming to her as a second dedication of the church. The presence of Miss A. B. Child, Secretary of the Boston Board, had been anticipated, and her name was upon the programme for a paper, "Fellowship in Service," but to the regret of all she was detained on account of ill health.

The review of the foreign work was divided into three parts; the first, "Our work in the Turkish Empire," being given at this point. The annual review, although, unfortunately, pressure for time prevents its being given in full during the sessions, is of the first importance, and of absorbing interest. Picture after picture, painted in vivid colors, is presented to our vision until the world is before us unified by the heralds of the Lord. The especial difficulties besetting our Turkish missionaries, owing to the attitude of the government forbidding the holding of schools in private houses, were brought before the Ruler of the World in prayer.

The thought pervading the devotional half hour was that of the text chosen, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Mrs. Smith, the President of the Board, said that at one time, Miss Spencer, our missionary to Turkey, now ill in this country, hearing of the dropping, for lack of funds, of work at some point, tersely said, "You have blown out the candle of the Lord. How dare you?" This suggested asking her to write a paper upon the subject of the loss occasioned by the stopping of work at any point. In the midst of extreme weakness and pain a message came to Miss Spencer in the guise of a vision of a harvest field. It would be impossible to do justice to the beautiful parable in a few lines, but it will doubtless be printed in full.

Miss Mary P. Wright, our missionary to Turkey, led us in prayer for the enveloping love binding us to God, whom we have not seen, and to those across the sea whom, also, not having seen, we love.

After this season of restfulness we were prepared to listen to the Treasurer's report: a glad surprise to many with its summing up of receipts at \$76,783, including Kobe College. Vastly nearer our aim than could have been expected one week before the books were closed, when one third of this sum had not

been received. The living interest lying behind each gift lifts the Treasurer's report above the level of statistics, until each figure throbs with love, self-denial, and consecration, wafted not only from our own land, but from far-off Africa, Micronesia, and Turkey. When one realizes the significance of each dollar in light, comfort, and saving of souls, is there another opportunity anywhere for investment drawing such liberal dividends?

With thankfulness that the aim was so nearly reached, came the thought that if so much had been raised with so little effort, how much *might* have been attained. Branch reports were given from four States, followed by others after the opening by prayer of the afternoon session.

A review of the Home Department was given by Miss M. D. Wingate, Recording Secretary. Two of our missionaries, Miss Carrie S. Bell of India, and Miss Bertha Smith of Turkey, have during the year been called to higher service. Two new missionaries have been sent out during the year.

Many expressions have come as to the value of the Mizpah Calender as a silent reminder of subjects for prayer. We should aim to introduce it into all of our homes before the opening of the new year. The "Book of the Covenant" has received more than fifteen hundred signatures. For the points made regarding Junior and Juvenile work, the Annual Report, which will contain this report in full, must be consulted.

Mrs. Willcox gathered up the fruits of the year in the reports from Mexico and from Micronesia, and from Kobe College in Japan, where the curriculum almost equals that of Smith or Holyoke.

What a vast power Christian missions has set in motion, and the complex woof comes back to us and up to God. We sometimes think of ourselves as set in the midst of complications. It is clarifying to our estimates to hear of the difficulties coming to our representatives across the seas.

Miss Sarah Pollock's paper "Childhood in Heathen Lands," gave a series of pictures too heart-rending for contemplation, did we not know them to be absolutely true. She closed by saying, "Shall our children, in happy homes, help these? If not, why not?" And now came in the children of happy homes, keeping step to their marching song, to the space gladly vacated for them in the center of the church, into which the sun, streaming in through western windows, made a golden glory for their heads.

After a welcome from Mrs. Smith, the chalk in the facile fingers of Miss Anna Marchant illustrated the story told them by Mrs. Willcox. All riches were piled up for the children, for Mrs. Capron gave them a story, and she was followed by Mrs. Sheffield and Miss Wright, who played "go a visiting" with Miss Nellie Farnsworth, daughter of Dr. Farnsworth of Ceserea, costumed as a Turkish woman. The happy hour was closed by Dr. Pauline

Root, who wore for them the dress of a high-caste woman in Southern India. The children's hour closed the afternoon session, and as one of the ladies was going home, she overtook two little maids on their homeward way also, when the following dialogue took place:—

“Have you come from our meeting, and will there be another for us?”

“I think not this time.”

“Won't there be a meeting this evening?”

“Yes; but I am afraid you would not be interested.”

“If it is about missionaries we would be,” emphatically declared the little women.

The addresses of Wednesday evening were by the Rev. Moses Smith, D. D., and Miss Mary P. Wright, of Turkey. Mr. Smith, formerly a beloved pastor of Detroit, introduced his address with the words, “Of all the great thoughts which occupy the Christian Church, the greatest to-day is the foreign missionary idea. God's thought is always for the world; man's religion is always for me and mine. . . . When God would advance a nation in the cosmopolitan idea, in every case the advancement of woman has borne a prominent part. . . . “Our geographers, our scientists, our archæologists acknowledge the service of the missionary.”

Then followed a glance at the possibilities of the next decade, if the missionary thought pervades the Church. The clear voice, perfect enunciation, and forcible utterances of Miss Wright, held the closest attention. We quote one thought: “The Mohammedan women are so secluded that it is impossible for men to carry the gospel to them; but their minds are so accessible that they are often converted by one hearing of it.”

The morning session of Thursday was opened by three Branch reports, full of interest. Mrs. Willcox, in the continuation of her “Review,” told of work in China, India, and Africa, closing with the thought in reference to the need of helpers in every field. “Our sisters in foreign lands are fainting under their labors. Have we used our powers of persuasion in inducing young women to go? Are we doing our duty in every little thing?”

The topic, “How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach without they be sent?” was pertinently presented by Mrs. E. J. Goodrich, Mrs. C. H. Case, and Mrs. E. W. Blatchford.

Mrs. Goodrich's paper, under the specific title, “The Needs of the Field,” opened by saying that the answer to the question, “Why did women organize themselves for foreign missionary work?” receives its answer in the reason for Christ's coming from heaven to earth,—the need of humanity. There are 8,000 workers over against 850,000,000 of heathen. She closed with the words, “Pray! pray! But first, bring your gift to the altar.”

Mrs. Case brought forcible utterances in reference to our gifts to Christ. God has a great work to do in transforming a selfish soul into likeness to himself. Stewardship of money, time, and talent is a *privilege*. If we are *asked* great things, the *giving* carries with it its own great reward.

Mrs. Blatchford, in her paper, "Serving our generation according to the will of the Lord," said: "In these last, crowded, hurrying years of the century, woman has awakened to the fact that she has fallen heir to an inheritance hitherto undreamed of. . . . To serve his own generation according to the will of God, is the Christian's business. . . . How shall we know that will? By watching the signs of the times. . . . We have, I fear, been misinterpreting the tender story of the widow's gift which our Lord approved. Two mites! Yes; but it was all her living for that day."

The consecration hour, led by Mrs. Capron, which fittingly followed, was opened with the words, "The time has now come when you are not to listen, not to hear, but to pray." The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand gave the keynote, and the words of all taking part centered around the thought of the little barley loaf, so small in itself, but enough in the hands of God to feed the multitude. "Let us go from this hour with the thought, 'I must find my barley loaf.'" "It is not what we *give*, but what *remains*." "The first book of Acts only is finished; the rest is being written as a book of remembrance."

The morning session closed with an address by Mrs. Sheffield, of China. "It will be but three fourths of a World's Fair next year, for China is left out. We talk of the lost arts; a lost *fact* is the cordial relation between China and America." Her answer to the young girls who say, "The W. B. M. I. has not money enough to send us," is, "Get your spindle and distaff ready, and God will send the flax."

Before taking their places in the afternoon session, the young ladies spent an hour together, under the guidance of their leader, in one of the pleasant anterooms of the church. The first part of the session was occupied by the election of officers, for whom an informal ballot had been cast on Wednesday, by the remainder of the Branch reports and by the report on the Home and Treasurers' reports, and by the discussions which followed. These reports emphasized the points made, all of which is recommended for careful reading in the Annual Report. During the discussion Mrs. Brunner, of Indiana, called notice to the fact that nothing had been said as to our aim for the coming year, the Columbian year, and our twenty-fifth anniversary. She suggested one hundred thousand dollars. A letter from Mrs. Ide, of Milwaukee, to this same effect, was read. After glowing words from many, it was moved that our aim be one hundred thousand dollars. This was

carried by a rising vote. A collection of silver dollars was also taken as an earnest of the silver year.

The young ladies' hour was opened by the singing of the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," a prayer chain, and the prayer hymn, softly sung, "More Love, O Christ, to Thee." Mrs. Baird, after a few words regarding their relation as daughters to their Heavenly Father, introduced Dr. Root, who charmed them as she told them of the bright side and of the difficulties of missionary life. After a talk about the covenant, from Mrs. Smith, and a word regarding the significance of the key, from Miss Lovell, of Michigan, Mrs. Capron gave the young reapers in the precious home field their motto for the year from the beautiful book of Ruth, "And let fall, also, some of the handfuls of purpose."

The Committee on Entertainment reported Rockford as the next place of meeting, the Second Church joining with the First in the invitation.

The Committee on Resolutions expressed the sympathy of the women assembled for the President of the United States in his sore bereavement. They were instructed to forward this resolution to the President.

A second resolution expressed appreciation of the generous and complete hospitality which had extended itself to each item of the arrangements for the meeting.

The Board was favored by the presence, for the evening of Thursday, of Dr. Judson Smith, Foreign Secretary of the American Board, who delivered an eloquent address, the thought of which was in a word, "Attempt the Seeming Impossible for God;" this fitly closing the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

THE MIZPAH CALENDAR.

THE Calendar for 1893 is ready, and is for sale at 59 Dearborn Street, at 25 cents, or 30 cents if postage is required. It is full of good things. To be reminded every day of some one of our missionaries, or some special need of our work, and to know that hundreds are pledged to pray with us for this object, makes us feel indeed that

"This whole round world
Is bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

There is a fresh thought for every day, and surely one good thought a day well pondered is a blessing not to be forgotten in our thanksgivings. The faces of friends rise before us as we read stirring words of the missionaries, or bits from the reports of secretaries at home; and lines from Faber or

Montgomery, or some other well-known writer, send the whole sweet message of the old hymn ringing through our hearts. Also, since

"A dreary place this world would be
Were there no little people in it,"

there are voices of the children, and thoughts for them. Every one who buys the Calendar will find in it society for a year, and every one who sends it to a friend will send brightness and cheer into the loneliest room.

Home Department.

STUDIES IN MISSIONS.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

MISS SARAH POLLOCK, who has prepared our lessons for many years, has been obliged on account of overwork, aggravated by a severe cold, to take a vacation of some weeks. She had prepared questions on Turkey, as below, and we ask that those who study the work of the W. B. M. I. will arrange similar questions on other countries, referring to the Annual Report for their answers. Two copies of the Annual Report will be sent free to every auxiliary on application at 59 Dearborn Street, Chicago. By the remittance of 15 cents anyone can secure a copy for herself.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK IN TURKEY.

TURKEY.

MISSIONARIES.—How large a proportion of the force of the W. B. M. I. is in the Turkish Empire? How many are there? Has the force increased or diminished this year?

BIBLE WORK.—What is the hope of the Board as to the enlargement of the Bible work in the Turkish Empire? How small is our force of Bible women in Turkey?

KINDERGARTEN WORK.—What is the testimony in regard to it?

SAMOKOV SCHOOL.—How large an attendance last year? What is its religious condition, indicated by the number of church members?

MONASTIR SCHOOL.—What was the attendance the past year?

AMERICAN COLLEGE AT CONSTANTINOPLE.—What missionary connected with the W. B. M. I. at that school? How many students? What is the religious condition of the school? How many nationalities represented?

GEDIK PASHA.—Evening classes; Bible classes; Greek school; Sunday school; Bible women; coffee house.

MARSOVAN SCHOOL.—King's Daughters' Society?

HOME REPORT.

MISSION STUDIES.—What improvements have been made this year? What is its circulation? What ought it to attain? *LIFE AND LIGHT: Day Spring.*

LEAFLETS.—What new leaflets issued by the W. B. M. I. the past year? Calendar? What is asked of officers of Branches?

FIELD WORK.—What field work has been done the past year? How many have died or returned on account of health? How many are necessary that the ranks may be filled?

[FRIDAY, Dec. 2, will be observed as a day of prayer for the Treasury throughout the W. B. M. I. The silver fund to be given in honor of our twenty-fifth year will be gathered in many places at the regular December meetings of our auxiliaries. Dear auxiliaries, let us give our first Christmas gift to this cause, in honor of Him who is to us the Unspeakable Gift. A movement has been started also to secure one thousand gifts of \$25 each, as a silver year memorial fund. See *Mission Studies* for December.—EDITOR.]

WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM SEPTEMBER 18 TO OCTOBER 18, 1892.

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas. Alton, Ch. of Redeemer, 49.45; Atkinson, 15; Aurora, First Ch., 76.55; New Eng. Ch., 51.61; Canton, 13.20; Chicago, First Ch., Mrs. C. H. Case, 50; Aux., 20; Covenant Ch., 20; Duncan Ave. Ch., 10.25; Kenwood Eyan. Ch., 201.35; Leavitt St. Ch., 31.30; Lincoln Park Ch., 25; Ch. of Redeemer, 13; South Ch., 150; Union Pk. Ch., Mrs. G. F. Savage, 25; Aux., 43.15; Danvers, 15; Evanston, 23; Farmington, 18.25; Forrest, 5.65; Galesburg, First Ch., 49.50; Glencoe, 39.75; Greenville, 25; Gridley, 2.75; Griggsville, 57; Harvey, 3; Henry, Mrs. Vail and Mrs. Williams and daughter, 7; Hinsdale, 155; Ivanhoe, 7; Jacksonville, 40; Lyonsville, 36.30; Lyndon, 5; Maywood, 10; McLean, 23.60; Moline, 16.65; Naperville, 9.03; Normal, 4; Oak Pk., 173.10; In His Name, E. P., 5; Oneida, 8.80; Mary F. Hennice, 104; Ottawa, 50; Paxton, 36.80; Polo, Independent Pres. Ch., 8.75; Pittsfield, 25; S. D., 10; Poplar Grove, 4; Princeton, 12.10; Ravenswood, 34.85; Ridgeland, 81.25; Rollo, 12.72; Roseville, 3.45; Sheffield, 23; Sycamore, 5.30; Udina, 50 cts.; Wheaton, 7; Winnetka, 20.50; Waverly, Aux., 43.90; Mrs. Richardson, 1; Mrs. Tupper, 10, 2,019 66

JUNIOR: Bunker Hill, 25; Chicago, California Ave. Ch., 4; Ch. of Redeemer, 7.26; Dover, 15.20; Illini, 49.35; Ottawa, 61.90; Wheaton, C. E., 1.71; Waverly, 26.41, 190 83

JUVENILE: Chicago, Ch. of Redeemer, 4; Union Pk. Ch., 10.08; McLean, 5; Moline, 4.50; Ottawa, 10; Payson, 19.30; Ravenswood, M. B., 19; Wilmette, 25, 106 88

THANK OFFERINGS: Alton, 4; Buda, 21.20; Chenoa, 5.06; Chicago, First Ch., 170.36; Covenant Ch., 55; Lincoln Pk. Ch., 69.01,

Porter Memorial Ch., 18; Union Pk. Ch., 231.85; M. B., 9.20; Danvers, 14; Dover, 12.26; Y. L., 2.68; Downer's Grove, 26.80; Evanston, 123.35; Farmington, 26.17; Forrest, 6.35; Galesburg, First Ch., 70.11; Glen Ellyn, 9; Harriston, Mrs. J. M. Cray, 3; Harvey, 10; Ivanhoe, 7; Joy Prairie, 36.75; La Harpe, 9.60; Lyonsville, 27.25; Lyndon, 1.50; Maywood, 47; Moline, 16.50; Newton, 5; Naperville, 32.05; Normal, 6; Oneida, 14.03; Paxton, Mrs. Shaw, 100; Polo, Emma Pearson, 5; Princeton, 44.75; Plymouth, 20; Port Byron, 8.70; Ravenswood, Aux., 31.15; M. B., 1.08; Ridgeland, 23.45; Rollo, 32.55; Roodhouse, 10.60; Sheffield, 2.25; Sterling, 54; Sycamore, 73.76; Udina, 4.06; Wheaton Coll. Ch., 27.60; First Ch., 25; Winnetka, 36.28, 1,581 41

Total, 3,898 78

SUPPLEMENTAL.

Abingdon, 52.10; Amboy, 70; Batavia, 15; Bowen, 6.85; Blue Island, 15; Canton, 46; Dwight, 5; Chicago, Clcyburn Ave. Ch., 50; Forrestville Ch., 40.85; Lincoln Pk. Ch., per Mrs. H. M. H., 20; Douglas Pk. Ch., 11.22; Lincoln Pk. Ch., 22; Leavitt St., 163.56; Millard Ave., 50; New Eng. Ch., 222; Plymouth Ch., 266.73; Ch. of Redeemer, 26; South Ch., 179.60; South Pk. Ch., 64; Union Pk. Ch., Oakley Br., 19.50; A Friend, 25; Warren Ave., 60; Crystal Lake, 50; Dundee, 4.10; Elgin, 77.50; Englewood, Pilgrim Ch., 126; Evanston, 156.30; Geneseo, 147.32; Galesburg, First Ch., 99.20; Geneva, 22.55; Granville, 31.67; Harvey, 1; Hinsdale, 50; LaGrange, 22.50; Lawn Ridge, 6; Lake View, 260.65; Marseilles, 96.22; Oak Park, 35.41; Ontario, 34.50; Ottawa, 19; Paxton, 3.50; Payson, 81.60; Peoria, 81.31,

Plymouth Ch., 75; Pittsfield, Rose So., 16.50, Aux., 24; Port Byron, 3; Princeton, 27.40; Providence, 28.63; Ravenswood, 46.08; Rock Falls, 11.46; Rockford, First Ch., 112.15, Second Ch., 31.25; Roscoe, 16; Sandwich, 94.06; Seward, 5, Th. Off., 22; Shabbona, 81.25; Sheffield, 5.50; Shirland, 5; Springfield, First Ch., 37; Streator, 3.15; St. Charles, 22; Stillman Valley, 64.78; Wanpounee Grove, 20; Western Springs, 13.65; Wilmette, 97.28; Wheaton Coll. Ch., 3.50; Waukegan, 16; Aurora, First Ch., 10; Buda, 12.15; Chicago, First Ch., 25, Leavitt St. Ch., 10, Union Pk. Ch., 179.35; Decatur, 5; Pecatonica, 5,

3,970 91

JUVENILE: Chicago, Lincoln Pk. Ch., M. B., 19.83, First Ch., 28, New Eng. Ch., 19.33, Plymouth Ch., J. C. E., 22.50, South Ch., K. M., 10.62, Union Pk. Ch., Oakley Br., Jr. C. E., 17.50, Tabernacle Ch., Coral Workers, 15.50; Evanston, 41.73; Galesburg, First Ch., 12.50; Glen Ellyn, 1.25; Joy Prairie, 25; Lake View, Ch. of Redeemer M. B., 5; Melvin, 1; Moline, Helpers, 10, three little girls, 2.70; Pittsfield, 8; Rock Falls, 2; Rockford, Second Ch., Jr. C. E., 5.11,

247 57

JUNIOR: Almi, 25; Buena Pk., 23; Chicago, Bethany Ch., 35, Kenwood Evan. Ch., C. E., 50, Leavitt St. Ch., C. E., 20, Lincoln Pk., 111.75, First Ch., 100, New Eng. Ch., 65, Plymouth Ch., C. E., 25, Union Pk. Ch., 128.18, Warren Ave. Ch., 34; Englewood, Pilgrim Ch., 69.09; Evanston, 88.50, C. E., 14; Farmington, 5; Geneseo, 12.85; Galesburg, Old First Ch., 70; Griggsville, 5.65; Gleocoe, 68.06; Lake-view, 3.55; Marsilles, 15; Oak Pk., 10; Ottawa, 19; Providence, C. E., 25; Rogers Pk., 10, C. E., 12.26; Rockford, First Ch., 36.27; Springfield, C. E., 10; Wilmette, 50; Winnebago, 5.50; Woodburn, Aux., 14.25,

1,260 91

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Chicago, Bethlehem Ch.,

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GIFTS: Chicago, Mrs. Singer, 25, S. A. C., 22, Nebraska Ave., a few ladies, 4.50; Morris, S. L. Hoyt, 1; Mendon, two Friends, 2; Geneseo, Mrs. R. B. Paul, 10; Washington Heights, Mrs. Howe, 5; Illinois, A Friend, 3; LaGrange, G. M. V., 5; Chicago, Eliz. B. Skeele, 10,

87 50

Total, 5,570 92
(Of this, 1,797.08 is Th. Off.)

INDIANA.

BRANCH.—Miss S. M. Gilbert, of Indianapolis, Treas. Report itemized next month.

Total, 710 72

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. C. E. Rew, of Grinnell, Treas. Almorat, 5; Atlantic, 26.75; Baxter, Mrs. Brandt, 1.45, two ladies, 2; Bear Grove, 6.15; Big Rock, 8; Burlington, 7; Cass, 9; Chester Center, 3.29; Central City, 28.10; Clarion, Mrs. Houston, 5; Clear Lake, 5; Clinton, 5; Corning, 4.50; Council Bluffs, 34.14; Creston, 8.55; Fremont, 10; Davenport, 36.55; Decorah, 32; Des Moines, North Pk. Ch., 1, Pilgrim Ch., 11.25, Plymouth Ch., 17.11; Dubuque, 75.37; Duquap, 33.98; Eddyville, 2; Edgewood, 2, Eldora, 60; Fairfax, 5.50; Farra-

gut, 20; Gilbert, 13; Gilman, 8; Green Mountain, 15.50; Grinnell, 102.26; Hampton, 10; Harlan, 10.16; Hull, 30; Jackson, 17.45; Keokuk, 30; Kelley, 10; Mrs. Arnold and A Friend, 3; Kellogg, 1; Keosauqua, 28.25; Magnolia, Mrs. Hillis, 20; Mauchester, 60; Marion, 32.75; Marshalltown, 3.30; Mason City, 30; McGregor, 6.45; Mitchellville, 4; Monona, 10; Monticello, 15; Mt. Pleasant, 4.24; Newell, 15.61; Newton, 10; Orient, 4; Osage, 3; Oskaloosa, 57.03; Ottumwa, 60; Percival, 10; Peterson, 10; Quasqueton, 4.57; Rockford, 5.82; Rock Rapids, 10; Rowen, 3.25; Sabula, Mrs. Esmay, Mrs. Wood, and S. S. Cl., 2; Salem, 25; Sheldon, 19.40; Shenandoah, 18.88; Sibley, 5.60; Spencer, 8.95; Tabor, 22.44; Toledo, 7.01; Traer, 65.75; Wayne, 5.90; Webster, 6.75; Webster City, 17.08; Wentworth, 6.75; Winthrop, 5,

1,360 07

JUNIOR: Central City, 4.09; Clay, 40; Corning, 3.50; Davenport, 12; Decorah, 10; Des Moines, Plymouth Ch., 87; Eldora, 40; Genoa Bluffs, K. D., 1.50; Grinnell, Y. L., 34.72, Seck and Save Soc., 7.70, Iowa Coll., 4.50; Hampton, 11; Marion, 13; Rockford, 1; Traer, 50,

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JUVENILE: Alden, 13.75; Central City, 2; Clay, 12.50; Council Bluffs, 5; Davenport, Sunbeams, 13, Wide Awakes, 7.50; Gilman, 1; Grinnell, Busy Bees, S. Br., 10.66, W. Br., 5; Marion, 9.03; Osage, 2.36; Sibley, 12; Stacyville, 10; Traer, 25; Williamsburg, 8,

136 80

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Eldora, 1.36; Le Mars, 10; Onawa, Birthday boxes, 3.86; Traer, 5, C. E.: Alden, 26.50; Hampton, 2; Monona, 2; Ottumwa, 10,

40 50

SELF-DENIAL: Council Bluffs, H. A. M., 2, A Friend, 2.75; Decorah, Jun., 7; Dunlap, 1.12; New Hampton, 5; Shenandoah, 2.50; Tabor, 3.50; Wentworth, 25 cts.,

23 12

THANK OFFERINGS: Ames, 17.25; Atlantic, 44.29, Jun. C. E., 1.55; Burlington, 3.20; Big Rock, 14; Creston, 25; Clay, Jun., 1; Clinton, 15; Corning, 21; Council Bluffs, 28; Davenport, 24.00; Des Moines, Pilgrim Ch., 8.75, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 7, Y. L., 18; Genoa Bluffs, 5.50; Gilbert, 2.35; Glenwood, 25; Grinnell, 158.76; Hampton, 27; Hartwick, A Friend, 7; Iowa City, A Friend, 3; Magnolia, 5; Newell, 21.11; Ogden, 8.50; Osage, 33; Onawa, 32.42; Preston, 2; Quasqueton, 1.18; Rock Rapids, 6.60; Willing Workers, 1.19; Sabula, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Esmay, 1; Shenandoah, 21.78; Sibley, 7.10; Spencer, 15; Stuart, 10; Tabor, Aux. and Juniors, 34.31; Traer, Aux., 24.20, Juniors, 5, C. E., 5.20; Webster City, 38; Wentworth, 5,

735 05

SPECIAL: Ames, 12.10; Burlington, Mrs. Geo. B. Little, 30.25; Cresco, S. S., 3; Dubuque, 11; Farragut, S. S. Cl., 5; Grinnell, Mrs. E. R. Potter, 30; Glenwood, M. B., 9.43, Th. Off., 18.87, for Kobe Home, 20.20, for Peking, 5; Ogeden, 15.50; Rockford, 7; Wittenburg, 4,

171 35

Total, 2,808 12

Second statement; itemized next month.

Total, 218 11

KANSAS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Corlis, of Topeka, Treas. Ahmena, 1; Argentine, 11; Atch-

ison, 8; Burlington, 7.50; Chapman, 1.75; Clay Center, 5; Dover, 5.50; Dowus, 3; Eureka, 50; Fairview, 15; Goshen, 10; Hiawatha, 10.75; Highland, 12; Kansas City, 41.60; Lawrence, 13; Leavenworth, 10; Louisville, 2; Manhattan, 82.06; Maple Hill, 9.79; Mrs. True, 5; Newton, 10; Olathe, 17; Oneida, 20; Ottawa, 10; Paola, 22; Partridge, 18.40; Pleona, 8.52; Russel, 10; Sabetha, 42.97; Seneca, 7.60; Sterling, 27; Smith Center, 2.50; Topeka, First Ch., 54.66; Central Ch., 25.21; Mrs. Officer, 5; Wabaunsee, 15; Wakarusa, 5; Sabetha, 1; Ottawa, 1; Wichita, Plymouth Ch., 10.	
JUNIOR: Kansas City, 35; Lawrence, 15.	616 81
JUVENILE: Kansas City, First Ch., M. B., 5.35; Partridge, 6.60; Sabetha, 7.50, C. E.; Sabetha, 2.50; Seneca, 5, K. D., 10; Topeka, First Ch., 12.	50 00
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Lawrence, Plymouth Ch., prim., 2.20; Sabetha, prim., 5; Topeka, First Ch., 4.25.	19 45
	29 50
	11 45
	727 21
Less Miss Wright's trav. expenses,	3 00
	724 21
MASSACHUSETTS.	
Newton Centre.—"A," for Miss Little's salary,	85 00
	85 00
MICHIGAN.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Ann Arbor, Treas. Ann Arbor, 38.27; Alpine and Walker, 15; Benzonia, 14.13; Breckenridge, 1.38; Clinton, 25; Coloma, 8; Cooper, Mrs. Laura Lane, 30 cts.; Chelsea, 16; Detroit, Woodward Ave. Ch., 46.58; Detroit, Plymouth Ch., 10; Edmore, 1.26; Flint, 12.96; Greenville, 19.65; Grand Rapids, Park Ch., 38.96; Grass Lake, 7.36; Lickly's Corners, 5; North Adams, 10; Olivet, 6.56; Orion, 5; Reed City, 13.80; Ransom, 5; St. John's, 6; Somerset, 5; South Haven, 10; Stanton, 10.74; Three Oaks, of wh. 3.66 is from Mrs. Ada Sherwood, 34.17; Traverse City, 20; Utica, 5.50; Union City, 6.50; Whittaker, 1.40; Watervliet, H. & F. M. S., 2.25; Self-denial, 1; Ypsilanti, 9.10.	411 87
THANK OFFERINGS: Ann Arbor, 160.40, Miss Sarah Ellsworth, 2; Alpine and Walker, 8.60; Chelsea, 8; Flint, 8.04; Greenville, 19; Grass Lake, 13.06; North Adams, 8; Olivet, 43.25; Reed City, 14.52; Romeo, 21; Sandstone, 13.20; South Haven, 5; Stanton, 20; Union City, 22.35; Webster, S. S. M. S., 7.86; Ypsilanti, 13.07.	387 35
JUNIOR: Coloma, C. E., 1.05; Covert, C. E., 2; Cooper, C. E., 6; Detroit, Woodward Ave., Y. L. M. S., 2.65, First Ch., C. E., 3, Girls' Guild, 8; Grand Rapids, Park Ch., Y. L. M. S., 30; Greenville, K. D., 5; Litchfield, C. E., 5; Three Oaks, C. E., 3.25; Traverse City, Bridge Builders, 65; Whittaker, C. E., 2.30; Ypsilanti, Y. L. M. S., 15.	143 25
JUVENILE: Benzonia, Children's C. E., 13; Detroit Ave., King's Cup Bearers, 5; Litchfield, M. B., Busy Workers, 3; Oxford, Morning Star M. B., 10; Reed City, Cheerful Workers, 3.13; Watervliet, Mountain Hills, 2.50; Ypsilanti, Children's C. E., 10.	46 63

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Cooper,	2 50
FOR KOBE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND: Per Miss Searle, of wh. 15.50 is from Niles Pres. Ch., and 5 from Mrs. Brown- ing, of Decatur,	20 50
Total,	1,012 10
SUPPLEMENTAL.	
Ann Arbor, of wh. Mrs. B. Fuller, 5, 28.50; Almont, 3.95; Detroit, First Ch., 104.50; E. Saginaw, 75; Jackson, 75; Lansing, Systematic Benev. Soc., 10; Owasso, Sr. and Jr. Soc., of wh. 3.65 is Self-denial, 48.20; Vermontville, 19.	364 15
THANK OFFERING: Almont, 6.05; Benzonia, C. D. S., 7.60; Owasso, 18.65.	32 30
JUNIOR: Detroit, Woodward Ave., Y. L., of wh. 12.61 is Th. Off., 80.65; Detroit, First Ch., Y. W. F. M. Com., 33; Flint, Y. L., 15; Stanton, Y. L., of wh. 5.50 is Th. Off., 40.50.	169 15
JUVENILE: Benton Harbor, 15.26; Detroit, First Ch., 13.	28 26
FOR KOBE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND: Ann Arbor,	1 50
	595 36
MINNESOTA.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 139 University Ave. E., St. Paul, Treas. Ada, 1; Austin, 8.75; Benson, Th. Off., 8; Duluth, of wh. 27 is Th. Off., 87.20; Glyndon, 1.05; Groveland, 4.42; Hawley, 1.34; Lake Stay, 2; Mazeppa, 8.45; Minneapolis, First Ch., Aux., 56, Pilgrim Ch., Aux., 13, Plymouth Ch., 287, Aux., of wh. 32.54 is Th. Off. and 7.28 self-denial, 163.09, Silver Lake Ch., Aux., of wh. 2.40 is Th. Off., 12.94, Vine Ch., Aux., 5; Montevideo, 5; Northern Pacific Conf. col., 3.25; New Richland, 10; Northfield, Aux., 58.22; Mrs. Burt, 6.50, Charlotte R. Wil- lard, 20; Sauk Centre, of wh. 3.50 is self-denial, 29.84; St. Paul, Pacific Ch., Aux., 5, Plymouth Ch., Aux., 77.65; Stephen, 1.25; Wadena, 5; Watervliet, 3.50; Wito- ka, Friend, 1; Zumbrota, 13.	898 45
JUNIOR: Duluth, Friends in Council, 10; Minneapolis, Bethany Ch., Y. L., 8.25, Park Ave. Ch., Y. P. S., 10; Northfield, Y. L., 33.64; Sauk Centre, Y. L., 5.79; St. Paul, Dayton's Bluff Daily Mite Mis- sion, 6.57.	74 25
C. E.; Mazeppa, 7.68; Sauk Centre, self-denial, 3.	10 68
JUVENILE: Anoka, Jr. C. E., 1; Glyndon, M. B., 25 cts.; Hamilton, 1; Minneap- olis, Park Ave., 50; Minnesota Falls, Will- ing Workers, 2.46; New Richland, Lamp Lighters, 8; St. Paul, Atlantic Ch., M. B., 4; Stephen, 1.81.	68 52
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Douglas, 6; Hancock, 3.90; Minneapolis, Silver Lake Ch., 4.05; Rochester, 5.12; St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., 1.96.	21 03
FOR KOBE COLLEGE BUILDING FUND: St. Paul, Plymouth Ch., Friend, 5, E. A. O., 3, Park Ch., Aux., S. E. S., 3.	11 00
	1,083 93
Less expenses,	40 00
	1,043 93
MISSOURI.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washing- ton Ave., St. Louis, Treas. Amity, 14; Aurora, 11; Breckenridge, 7.35; Brook-	

field, 15; Carthage, 32; Hannibal, 7.67; Joplin, 4; Kansas City, First Ch., 11.63, Clyde Ch., 2.70; Kidder, 12.55; Meadville, 5.90; Neosha, 3; Old Orchard, 56.35; Webster Groves, 15; St. Joseph, 9.70; St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., 61, Plymouth Ch., 11, Central Ch., 50; Springfield, First Ch., 36.35, Central Ch., 30.05,	396 25
JUNIOR: Kansas City, Clyde Ch., 12; Springfield, First Ch., 17.18; St. Louis, First Ch., 14.21, Pilgrim Ch., 52, Hyde Park Ch., 28.22,	123 61
JUVENILE: Breckenridge, 20; Kidder, Opportunity Club, 5; Pierce City, Cheerful Workers, 1.35; Springfield, First Ch., Cheerful Workers, 7; Central Ch., Helping Hands, 10; St. Louis, Pilgrim Workers, 10, Hyde Park M. S. B., 5,	58 35
C. E.: Neosha,	10 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Breckenridge, 6.75; Cameron, 15; Joplin, 6; Kansas City, First Ch., 13.92, Y. L., 12.02, Clyde Ch., 17.7, Chips, 4; Lebanon, 25; Meadville, 10.50; Neosha, 11.62; Kidder, 8; St. Joseph, 13.70; St. Louis, First Ch., 45, Y. L., 41, Pilgrim Ch., 8.16, Plymouth Ch., 11, Third Ch., 7; Hyde Park, Y. L., 85 cts.,	257 29
FOR KOBE HOME: St. Louis, Y. L., Pilgrim Ch.,	25 00
FOR ERZROOM SCHOOL: Springfield, Central Ch., Helping Hands,	1 50
Total,	872 00
SUPPLEMENTAL.	
St. Louis, Compton Hill Ch., 75, Plymouth Ch., Th. Off., 7.55,	82 55
JUNIOR: Springfield, Central Ch., Y. P., 26; St. Louis, Plymouth Ch., M. B., 20.78,	46 78
Total,	129 33
MONTANA.	
Mrs. Herbert E. Jones, of Livingston, Treas. Chinook, Mrs. Richey, 1; Livingston, Aux., 6.73, Y. L. Soc., 3.50,	11 28
Total,	11 28
NEBRASKA.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. H. G. Smith, of Exeter, Treas. Itemized next month,	1,245 31
Total,	1,245 31
ADDITIONAL.	
Ainsworth, K. D., 14; Santee Agency, Pilgrim Ch., Indian Women, 5, Girls' M. S. of Normal School, 3.77,	22 77
Total,	1,268 08
NORTH DAKOTA.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. G. L. O'Neale, of Buxton, Treas. Caledonia, 2.33; Carrington, 1.80; Sykeston, 1,	5 13
JUNIOR: Caledonia, M. B., 2.45; Cummings, S. S., 7; Fargo, First Ch., Star B., 10.50; Grand Forks, Plymouth Ch., C. E., 10.56; Harwood, M. B., 7.10; Mayville, Coral Workers, 5,	42 61
Total,	47 74

OHIO.	
BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. Akron, First Ch., 4.40, West Ch., 60; Alexis, Mitebox Soc., 2.75; Andover, 8; Berea, 15; Belpre, 40; Berlin Heights, 10; Bristolville, 10; Brooklyn, 21.28; Chardon, 25; Cincinnati, Central Ch., 23, Columbia Ch., 5.35; Clarksfield, 23;	42 61

Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch., 79.50, First Ch., 39, Mt. Zion Ch., 10, Plymouth Ch., 39.50; Conneaut, 17.50; Coolville, 13.70; Cortland, 8.50; Cuyahoga Falls, 7.16; Edinburg, 20; Elyria, 186.89; Geneva, 20.50; Greenwich, 5; Harbor, Secoud Ch., 2; Harnar, 32.30; Hudson, 10.65; Ironton, 10; Jefferson, 13.15; Johnsville, 2; Kelley's Island, 10; Kelloggsville, 7.75; Kent, 14; Kinsman, 30, A Friend, 2; Kirtland, 3.10; Lodi, 3.10; Lyme, 23.91; Madison, 4; Marysville, 15; Medina, 17.52; Mt. Vernon, 36.20; Nelson, 5; Newark, Plymouth Ch., 9.46; New Loudon, 7.50; North Amherst, 3; North Bloomfield, 3; North Monroeville, 22; Oberlin, 121, A Friend, 5; Painesville, 20.75; Ravenna, 15; Richfield, 25; Rootstown, 5.35; Ruggles, 21.10; Springfield, 40; Steubenville, 15.85; Toledo, Central Ch., 19.58, Washington St. Ch., 31; Unionville, 17.05; Vermillion, 7.86; Wakeman, 55.60; Wellington, 17.95; West Andover, 13.28; Windham, 27.63,	1,435 47
JUNIOR: Cincinnati, Columbia Ch., 25; Columbus, Plymouth Ch., 55; Lyme, 12.85; Medina, 10; Mt. Vernon, 9; Painesville, 25; Ruggles, 25; Rootstown, Their Covenant, 5.20; Windham, 2.50,	194 55
C. E.: Andover, 7.25; Chagrin Falls, 2.25; Cleveland, First Ch., 45, Plymouth Ch., 50; Oberlin, First Ch., 14.35; Sandusky, 25; Dover, 2,	120 85
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Oberlin, Mrs. Goodrich's Cl.,	3 50
JUVENILE: Bristolville, Coral Band, 2.50; Conneaut, M. B., 1.20; Elyria, King's Messengers, 5; Clarksfield, M. B., 3; Lyme, M. B., 2.50; Madison, Coral Workers, 10; Marysville, Willing Workers, 3; North Amherst, Coral Workers, 3, Richfield, Cheerful Workers, 5; Ruggles, Coral Workers, 13.40; W. Andover, K. D., 13.50,	62 10
SPECIAL: Springfield, M. B., for Hanum Dyer, Marsh,	11 00
Cambridgeboro, Penn.,	5 00
Ceredo, W. Va.,	5 00
THANK OFFERINGS: Akron, 20.60; Alexis, 1.57; Andover, 16.50; Cincinnati Central Ch., 9; Cleveland, Bethlehem Ch., 1, First Ch., 12, Plymouth Ch., 40.50; Conneaut, 30; Geneva, 12; Harnar, 8.60; Hudson, 7.35; Huntsburg, 11.53; Jefferson, 3.90; Lodi, 8.40; Newark, Plymouth Ch., 7; North Amherst, 8; North Ridgeville, A Friend, 1.250; Oberlin, 61; Painesville, 2.75; Rootstown, 11; Springfield, 16.50; Unionville, 18.25; Wakeman, 8.81; Wauseon, 20; Wellington, 73,	417 76
Marietta.—First Ch., Y. L. Soc.,	5 55
Conneaut—M. B.,	15 00
SELF-DENIALS: Bellevue, 10; Cleveland, First Ch., 65 cts.; Newark, Plymouth Ch., 3.04; Oberlin, 41; Sandusky, 25.50; West Andover, A Friend, 25 cts.,	43 34
Total,	2,319 12
Less expenses,	3 45
Total,	2,315 67
SUPPLEMENTAL.	
Ashtabula, 14; Brooklyn, 10 cts.; Chester Cross Roads, 12; Columbus, Plymouth Ch., 57.95,	84 05
JUNIORS: Conneaut, Opportunity Club,	10 00
C. E.: Rootstown,	1 30

THANK OFFERING: Burton,	6 00		
SELF-DENIAL: Cleveland, Franklin Ave. Ch., K. D.,	2 50		
COLLECTION: Painesville, Annual Meet- ing,	12 36		
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Less expenses,	116 21		
	23 45		
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Total,	92 76		
ROCKY MOUNTAIN.			
BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Burwell, of Denver, Treas. Boulder, 33.20; Cheyenne, First Ch., 72.30, Second Ch., 3; Crested Butte, 26; Colorado Springs, First Ch., 137.62; Second Ch., 15.70; Denver, First Ch., 34.55, Second Ch., 30, Plymouth Ch., 51.38, So. Broadway Ch., 28.20, Midway (Club, 10, Boulevard Ch., 41.05, West Denver 28, North Denver Ch., 1, Olivet Ch., 3, 23d Ave. Pres., 1.50; Grand Junction, 18, Miss Dickinson, 5; Greeley, 28; Harmon, 1.20; Highlandlake, 17.50; Lyman, 2; Longmont, 33; Montrose, 7.25; Otis, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dungan, 5; Pueblo, First Ch., 20, Pilgrim Ch., 4.45; Trinidad, 5; Whitewater, 4.35, Mrs. S. B. Pickett, 2.50,	669 75		
JUNIOR: Crested Butte, C. E., 1.75; Colo- rado Springs, First Ch., C. E., 6. S. S. Cl., 10; Denver, Boulevard Ch., C. E., 26.50, First Ch., C. E., 12.50, Plymouth Ch., C. E., 16.50; Highlandlake, C. E., 3.85; Long- mont, S. S., 10.75,	87 85		
JUVENILE: Boulder, M. B., 6; Cheyenne, First Ch., Coral Workers, 11.75; Denver, Boulevard Ch., Willing Workers, 5, West Denver Ch., Jr. C. E., 10; Manitou, M. B., 3,	35 75		
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	793 35		
Less Miss Wright's trav. expenses.	60 22		
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Total,	733 13		
SOUTH DAKOTA.			
BRANCH.—Mrs. C. S. Kingsbury, of Sioux Falls, Treas. Athol, 2.50; Clark, 4.20; Columbia, 6.80; Cresbard, 5; Cresbard, Faulkton and Myron, Miss. Picnic, 10.25; Faulkton, 8, Firesteel Ch., M. S., 3.12; Gothland, 5; Lesterville, 3; Lake Prest- on, 10; Milbank, Ladies, 2.86; Oahe, 10; Rec Heights, Mrs. A. J. M., 2; Spring Lake, 2.75; Sioux Falls, 15; Vermillion, 13.17; Watertown, 11; Yankton, 17.45,	132 10		
JUNIOR: Alcester, K. D., 2.50; Sioux Falls, K. D., 10,	12 50		
JUVENILE: Lesterville, Willing Hearts, C. E.: Columbia, 5; Yankton, 4.10,	9 10		
SELF-DENIAL: Oahe,	7 00		
THANK OFFERING: Canton, 8; Columbia, 8.20, Firesteel Ch., M. S., 5.60; Sioux Falls, 10.73; Vermillion, 15; Yankton, 28.22,	75 75		
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Total,	238 84		
SUPPLEMENTAL.			
Athol, 1; Buffalo Gap, 50 cts.; Colvin and La Roche, 4.50; Howard, 4.40; Henry, 25; Huron, 5; Mitchell, Bethel Ch., 12.50; Sioux Falls, 5; Yankton, M. D. G., 2,	59 90		
JUVENILE: Vermillion, M. B.,	7 00		
THANK OFFERINGS: Buffalo Gap, 3; De Smet, 5,	8 00		
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Total,	74 90		
		WISCONSIN.	
		BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. Boseobel, 5; Bloomer, 4; De Pere, 5; Eau Claire, 3; Fond du Lac, 30; Ft. Atkinson, 3.50; Koshkonong, 10.10; Lake Mills, 2; Milwaukee, Grand Ave. Ch., 21; Ripon, 55; Racine, 13.50; Sparta, 52.13; Union Grove, 1; Waukesha, 22.50,	227 73
		JUNIOR: Burlington, Y. L., 29.51; Mil- waukee, Hanover St. Ch., K. D., 10; Sparta, C. E., 3.80,	43 31
		Total,	271 04
		SUPPLEMENTAL.	
		British Hollow, Mrs. Davies, 6; Menomi- nee, 3.30, Ladies at State Conv., 28.50; Lancaster, 17.50; Arena, Third Ch., 9.34; Kinnickinnick, 3; Appleton, 8; Ladoga, 28; Elkhorn, M. A. Hand, 30,	133 64
		JUNIOR: Milwaukee, Grand Ave. Ch., 8.25; Fond du Lac, 10.32,	18 57
		JUVENILE: Waukesha, 5; Viroqua, M. B., 2.50,	7 50
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		Less expenses,	159 71
		Total,	2 60
		Total,	157 11
		ARKANSAS.	
		<i>Little Rock.</i> —A few Ladies,	3 00
		Total,	3 00
		CALIFORNIA.	
		<i>Santa Barbara.</i> —H. M. B., Th. Off.,	15 00
		Total,	15 00
		CHINA.	
		<i>Pang Chuang.</i> —Misses Wyckoff,	10 00
		Total,	10 00
		FLORIDA.	
		<i>Melbourne.</i> —Mrs. J. H. Phillips,	25 00
		Total,	25 00
		GEORGIA.	
		<i>Atlanta.</i> —Miss L. M. Lawson, Th. Off.,	5 00
		Total,	5 00
		TEXAS.	
		<i>Sherman.</i> —Friends of Missions,	10 00
		Total,	10 00
		VERMONT.	
		<i>Bennington.</i> —Howe Benning, Th. Off., in mem. of Priscilla Nicholson,	1 50
		Total,	1 50
		MISCELLANEOUS.	
		For Glory Kindergarten, Kobe, Japan, Teachers' Building, per Mrs. Mary Howe Rogers, 344; Special Th. Off., Anon., 1,	345 00
		Anon. Th. Off., left at Rooms,	15 00
		Sale of leaflets, 25.19; boxes, 8.97; envel- opes, 1.15; article donated, 3,	38 31
		Total,	398 31
		Receipts for month,	23,356 42
		Previously acknowledged,	53,126 82
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			76,783 24
		Less for Kobe,	8,177 30
		Total for year,	\$68,607 59
		MISS JESSIE C. FITCH, Ass't Treas.	

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